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72 work hours enforced

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. convened yesterday with only two board members. ERWIN ENCINARES

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Jamie expects to tighten her family's purse strings some more following the government's decision to implement a 72-hour work schedule beginning next month's pay period on June 23 for the July 5 payday. She will be among the thousands of government employees affected by the government's recent austerity measure.

"I'm very concerned about it because, as an employee of the Public School System and a student at the Northern Marianas College, I know there will be cuts somewhere.

"It is very disappointing to see us come to this point after being so hopeful for our islands over the last few years," said Jamie, who asked that her

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CHCC board adjust quorum to 2

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Despite having only two board members, the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. board insists it still has a quorum that would allow it to make decisions for the corporation. The CHCC board usually consists of five members.

CHCC board chair Lauri Ogumoro was joined by lone Saipan representative Polly Masga yesterday for a board meeting that discussed matters related to CHCC charge-master updates.

When asked if the two board members were enough to form a quorum—which means the least number of board members needed to make any decisions made at a meeting valid—special assistant attorney general and board legal counsel Nancy Gottfried clarified that the bylaws were adjusted with

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Police: No foul play seen yet

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety sees no evidence of foul play as yet in the death of a 62-year-old man whose body was found along Beach Road last Tuesday evening.

» In case of unresponsive man found on Beach Road

Dong Pabalinas, a 62-year-old Filipino male, was found dead last Tuesday at around 10:53pm along Beach Road in Garapan.

According to DPS spokesman Adrian Pangelinan, for the moment, the case is not considered a homicide but the

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Taste of the Marianas finishes strong

The 21st edition of the annual Taste of the Marianas food festival at the American Memorial Park finished strong last May 25 with strong sales throughout the month, according to a Marianas Visitors Authority news release.

It said that sales by the MVA was 8-percent higher than last year and 23-percent higher than in 2017. The first three weeks broke all records will more than $50,000 in nightly sales.

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Memorial Day cleanup yields 680 lbs

PDM Promoters, Inc. conducted a rare non-Saturday cleanup this month when it spruced up Paseo de Marianas and its surrounding environs last Monday during Memorial Day.

Sonia Siwa, the non-profit's coordinator, said PDM Promoters wasn't able to do a Saturday cleanup this month because they were busy with the 21st Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. Siwa and volunteers from Kinpachi Restaurant man a booth at the event.

"We were not able to do it on Saturdays, as we were busy with Taste of Marianas, but we did it last May 27, Memorial Day, as there were no classes for the kids who volunteer," she said.

In all, 20 members from Saipan Awaodori Team and eight Kinpachi staff were able to haul 680 lbs of trash during the cleanup that began early at 9am.

Siwa said the area of the cleanup included Paseo de Marianas, Coral Tree Avenue, American Memorial Park Road, Beach Road, and their connecting alleyways.

"Having these young kids as volunteers, we want them to realize the importance of their contribution in keeping our surroundings' clean. They will know that the small thing they're doing can make a difference in our community. We are thankful to the parents/guardians of these children for allowing them to join us and giving their time for our monthly cleanups," she added.

PDM Promoters' cleanups are usually held Saturday and are supported by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the non-profit's major sponsors, T Galleria and TSL Foundation.

Siwa said this enables them to have the cleaning materials they need. Kinpachi Restaurant provides the meal and snacks for the volunteers.

Volunteers of PDM Promoters will be at it again in June. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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OAG backs discharging student loans of disabled veterans

Attorney General Edward Manibusan has joined 51 attorneys general of the 56 states and territories to support a proposal to discharge the student loan of veterans who are totally and permanently disabled.

Manibusan has signed on to a letter to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to make the proposal happen

"As the attorneys general of our jurisdictions, we urge the Department of Education to take prompt action to satisfy its statutory mandate to discharge the student loans of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled or otherwise unemployable. As a nation, we have a moral obligation to assist those who have put their lives on the line to defend us," states part of the letter.

The federal government's recent efforts, which include implementation of a data matching program between the departments of Education and Veterans Affairs, pledges to make it easier for veterans to have their loans discharged due to a disability. Despite this, the Department of Education continues to require eligible veterans to take affirmative steps to secure the loan forgiveness that is their statutory right. The requirements imposed by the department may prove insurmountable obstacles to relief for many eligible veterans due to the severe nature of their disabilities.

In the letter to DeVos, the attorneys general write, "Because America's veterans deserve better, we ask the department to develop an automatic discharge process to ensure that all eligible veterans can have their student loans forgiven."

"We understand the difficulties faced by our residents

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Superseding indictment filed vs woman suspected of harboring an illegal alien

A federal grand jury returned yesterday a superseding indictment against a woman whose convictions with her husband over allegations that they harbored an illegal alien child was reversed by U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The superseding indictment charged Lili Zhang Tydingco with one count of harboring an illegal alien.

A superseding indictment replaces a previous indictment.

According to the superseding indictment, beginning Nov. 5, 2013, until Feb. 19, 2015, Tydingco concealed a child, who entered the CNMI and remained here in violation of the law.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recently granted the U.S. government's motion to dismiss the case against Lili Tydingco's husband, Francisco Muna Tydingco. The dismissal was without prejudice, which mean the U.S. government may re-file the indictment against Francis Tydingco.

In the U.S. government's motion to dismiss, assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe said under Rule 48 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the courts "must grant leave to the government to dismiss an indictment, information, or complaint unless dismissal is clearly contrary to manifest public interest."

Last April 26, the parties, through their lawyers, jointly asked the court to postpone the trial from its current date of June 18, 2019, to July 9, 2019. Manglona granted the request.

Manglona originally set the matter for re-trial on April 30, 2019.

A federal grand jury previously indicted the Tydingco couple for allegedly receiving money to harbor two illegal Chinese aliens, including a child they enrolled at a public school.

In June 2016, a federal court jury rendered a unanimous guilty verdict finding Lili Tydingco guilty of one count of harboring an alien and Francis Tydingco guilty of aiding and abetting the harboring.

In December 2016, Manglona sentenced Lili Tydingco to 10 months imprisonment with credit for time served. She sentenced Francis Tydingco to 21 months imprisonment, with credit for time served.

The Tydingcos, through their respective lawyers, Steven Pixley and Bruce Berline, appealed to the Ninth Circuit to reverse their conviction and vacate their sentence.

In the order issued last year that reversed the convictions, the Ninth Circuit judges held that Manglona's instruction defining "harbor" was erroneous because it did not require the jury to find that the Tydingcos intended to violate the law, and the error was not harmless.

With the reversal of the convictions, the Ninth Circuit remanded the case to the District Court for a new trial. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Ex-lawmaker is new Zoning board chair

Former lawmaker Mariano Taitano is the new chairman of the CNMI Zoning Board, a position that was held by Diego C. Blanco since 2012.

Taitano

During the board's meeting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Wednesday night, director Ignacio Demapan nominated Taitano as chairman.

All directors voted for his nomination.

Early this year, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres accepted the courtesy resignation of Blanco as Zoning board chairman.

In a separate interview, Taitano said he will see to it that everything is done appropriately in the enforcement of zoning laws.

He is aware of some concerns about Zoning's enforcement responsibilities, that many businesses and people have been rebuilding after Super Typhoon Yutu's destruction last October but that does not mean that Zoning enforcement officers are not allowed to go out and advice the community about Zoning laws.

Taitano said Zoning must see to it that everybody complies with the laws.

During the election of officers, the board voted for Joe Ayuyu Jr. as vice chairman, Patrick Reyes as secretary, and Tatiana Babauta as treasurer.

The other board members are Demapan and former lawmaker Francisco C. Aguon. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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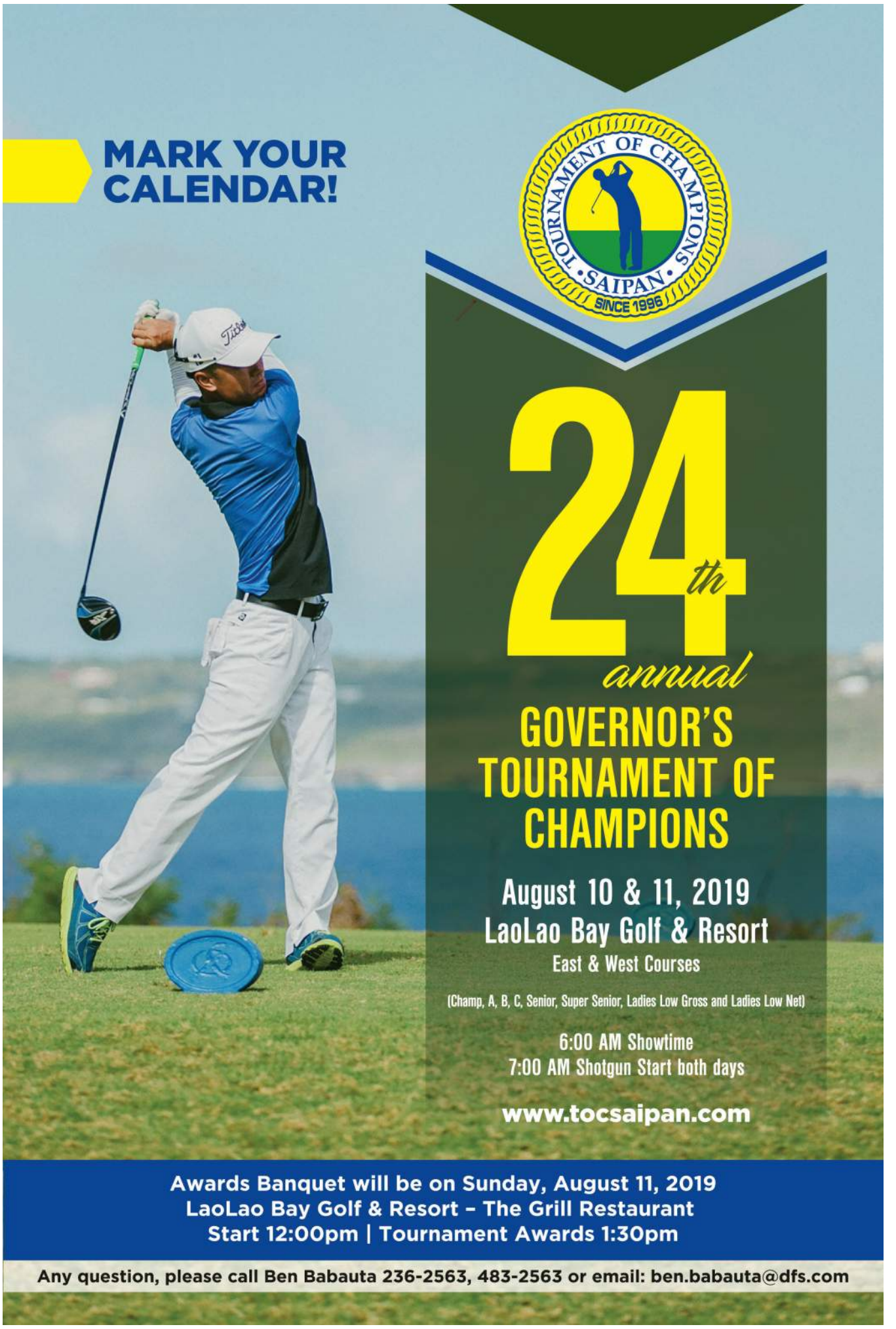
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name be withheld.

She recalled the dark times that some of her family members experienced less than a decade ago, when the CNMI economy was at an all-time low.

"So much for progress. I really hope it does not get any worse because my family and friends still remember the bad times when people didn't get paid. So many were struggling to make ends meet. It wasn't too long ago and I hope solutions are found soon because too many promises were made and look at where we are now," she said.

The cost-cutting directive, which was issued yesterday, will have agencies and departments under the Executive Branch closing every payday Friday, starting on July 5 and until further notice.

The new work schedule will apply to all locally- and federally-funded government employees—both among civil service and excepted service employees in the Executive Branch.

First responders, law enforcement, treasury cashiers, and other employees with critical government functions will have a modified 72-hour work schedule to keep needed public services functioning.

The directive also include no accrual and overtime payment, and compensatory time hours, plus no new hiring for locally funded positions under the Executive Branch.

Tough decision

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said this measure faces head-on the challenges the CNMI is facing right now.

"This is a very difficult decision, but it is necessary in order to protect our government employees from other more drastic options that would have more severe impacts, and to ensure that our obligations and services remain stable," he said in his directive.

In a statement about the directive, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said that financial recovery remains the top priority in order to return to the normal 80-hour work schedule.

"While revenue collections continue to be challenging following the impact of Super Typhoon Yutu, it is clear that revenue at the current levels will not be sufficient to fund government payroll on an 80-hour work schedule," he said.

Palacios said the 72-hour work schedule minimizes the impact on people's lives and would give the CNMI government the means to take the government through the rest of fiscal year 2019, which ends on Sept. 30

Torres said the 72-hour work week would avoid payless Fridays, allow the government to continue its obligations on bond payments and the Settlement Fund, and ensure payments to the government's vendors. "This is the most prudent option in order to protect our employees and safeguard public services from more drastic alternatives."

The administration also met with members of the Legislature's leadership yesterday to discuss the current fiscal condition.

After Yutu hit the islands in October last year, the administration already reduced its budget projection by $29.9 million and implemented other cost-containment measures.

Trickle-down effect

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands president Gloria Cavanagh pointed out that several hotels in the CNMI, especially those gravely impacted by Yutu, have also implemented austerity measures.

"[Austerity] is something that we had to do in order ensure fiscal health," she said.

"[As for] the trickle-down aspect, I believe our business and restaurants will be the first ones to feel the shrinking purchasing power. I believe, however, that reacting quickly after the typhoon, puts us in a better position to handle this temporary loss."

She said the CNMI had experienced this before. "However, we may be in a better position since the last round of government austerity measures. I believe the key is to work on bringing back the tourism numbers in order to bring back health to our economy. As HANMI chief, I must remind our officials that the existing hoteliers and its owners have seen the best of times and the worst of times. They have seen these austerity measures."

"They have stayed and helped the community when the government couldn't afford to, they have helped in promoting our destination when [the Marianas Visitors Authority] did not have any money and they helped grow our economy back up where we enjoyed unprecedented growth."

Cavanagh added stability is needed to ensure the CNMI's economy rebounds. "We have two hotels—the Fiesta Resort & Spa and the Hyatt Regency Saipan—that have two years and two-and-a-half years, respectively, left on their leases. Now more than ever, we need such companies to ensure stability."

"We encourage our Department of Public Lands to come to a negotiable solution to keep such proven companies."

Comments

Sen. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) said Rota was hit hardest when the government implemented austerity measures in 2010. **"**Rota experienced the hardest and will again encounter the same impact. … While we understand the economic challenges before us and the underlying reasons for the application of austerity, it is our hope that our economy will eventually improve."

She is hopeful new revenue sources would come up, even suggesting to revisit Article XII of the CNMI Constitution. "It is our hope that we can identify other new sources of revenue so the austerity measure will no longer be in effect. Lifting [restrictions in Article XII] may entice potential investors or developers into the CNMI, which may translate into having new sources of funding or revenues."

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

TASTE

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MVA converts cash into Taste of the Marianas tokens that people then use when buying food or drinks at the different stalls.

"In all, Taste of the Marianas this year was a great success," said MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo. "Thanks to the support of our partners, the vendors, and the community, our staff were able to build on the success of prior 'Tastes' and deliver another great event this year for visitors and residents to enjoy."

MVA rolled out special incentives to increase sales this year. Each Saturday, the first 40 patrons to purchase $40 or more in Taste tokens got a free caricature sketch by Ronald Valiente.

Also, those who purchased at least $20 worth of tokens on the last two Saturdays received a raffle ticket for giveaways throughout the evening.

Also last Saturday, junior chef Richard Meimban of Grandvrio Resort Saipan bested five other competitors in the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands' Junior Chefs Competition.

Meimban won $500 from HANMI and giveaways from Certified Angus Beef.

The other winners were Vicente Montoya of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, who won second place; Maria Pua of Kanoa Resort, third place; Norman Chan of Hyatt Regency Saipan, fourth place; Manny Pancha of Pacific Islands Club Saipan, fifth place; and Ezekiel Quiroz of Tony Roma's.

This year's theme, "Chinese Style Beef," was a nod to the exponential growth in arrivals from China in recent years.

Contestants were required to use Certified Angus Beef sirloin flap and at least three local ingredients from the Garapan Public Market. All cutting and cooking was done on the spot, and the entries were judged by fellow chefs.

The competition is also sponsored by Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods. Earlier competitions in the month included the Kadun Pika Cook-off, BBQ Whole Chicken Cook-off, and J's Fried Rice Eating Competition, featuring the return of professional food fighter Sachiyo Masubuchi of Japan, who won the 2018 J's Fried Rice Eating Competition.

The Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden is an annual signature event of the MVA and is one of the largest annual celebrations in the Marianas. It is part of the celebration of the entire month of May as Tourism Month in the CNMI.

The festival features international cuisine at affordable prices from 23 local hotels, restaurant, and drink vendors, along with non-stop live entertainment on the main stage and weekly competitions.

Participating vendors were Hyatt Regency Saipan, Tony Roma's/Capricciosa, Fiesta Resort & Spa, D'Elegance Cafe, Kanoa Resort, Terry's Snack Bar, Furusato Restaurant, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Mystique BBQ, Sierra's Pearl Shake, Kinpachi Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Ina's Kitchen, Matty's BBQ, Tropical Chill, The Hut, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, Java Joe's, and Thai House. Drinks were offered by Saipan Brewing Co., MARPAC, and Pacific Trading Co.

Last Saturday, the festival ran extended hours on its final night, from 5:30pm to 11pm. ***(Saipan Tribune/MVA)***

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police are following protocols and are treating it as a homicide to ensure that all aspects of the case are investigated. There is no official cause of death yet; it has not been determined yet as of yesterday.

A source who was at the scene last Tuesday night said a friend of his saw Pabalinas being dragged from the main road to the grassy roadside area near the trash can across KS Store.

The witness, along with his 12-year-old daughter, told the source that two men were dragging an unconscious man onto the side of the road.

The witness' daughter said they were tapping the man's cheek as if to wake him up.

The source said the two men tried to enter the KS Store across the street but, since it was already closed at that time, failed to do so and left. The source said the two men appeared drunk.

Police are now seeking the public's assistance in identifying the two men because they may have more information about the death.

The first individual is described to be approximately 5'6" and medium built, brown complexion, and was seen wearing a T-shirt, a pair of short pants, and a pair of flip-flops with no known colors.

The second individual is described to be similar in height, light complexioned, skinny in build, and could be Asian.

The two individuals are encouraged to contact the Criminal Bureau of Investigation at 664-9042.

According to a close friend of Pabalinas, she was shocked to hear of Pabalinas' passing. She said he seemed elderly but seemed strong.

Pabalinas had no family on Saipan but had a circle of close friends.

She said she had known Pabalinas for years and, when he lost his job, she helped him out with money from time to time to get by. She was even thinking of lending him money so he could go back to Philippines by the end of the month.

When asked about Pabalinas, she emotionally described him as a kind and overall a great person.

She also mentioned that Pabalinas loved to gamble and could have been coming home late after gambling.

Pabalinas' family was informed yesterday of his passing and are currently working on getting his body repatriated to the Philippines.

For anyone interested in helping Pabalinas' family out, donation boxes will be stationed at the R-Lyn's Dress Shop in Garapan and at the Liberty Plaza, also in Garapan.

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the intention to allow the CHCC board to operate without the regular quorum of three members.

"…We have an emergency provision in the bylaws that, when there are fewer board members than required for a quorum, then the quorum is adjusted accordingly," she said in an interview.

In this case, the quorum was adjusted to only two.

"…This is a hospital and we need our medical staff to be privileged and credentialed," Gottfried said, adding that it was also a Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services requirement for safety-net hospitals.

"…The board is the final body that makes that determination [adjusting the quorum numbers]. If the board cannot make that determination, the hospital cannot continue to function," she said.

The emergency provision yesterday took effect as only two members of the supposedly five-member board remain.

"We look forward to the Senate to act on the nominations of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres," Ogumoro noted.

Torres nominated last April 5 Corrine H. Santos to serve as the Tinian representative on the CHCC board He appointed Elizabeth A. Paeda as the Rota representative last April 11, 2019. Both nominations are pending with the Senate Executive and Government Investigations Committee.

Previous Tinian representative William M. Cing vacated his position in January 2019, while Rota representative Dr. Larry Hocog resigned last year.

Torres has yet to appoint a third Saipan representative on the CHCC board.

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who struggle to manage their student loan debt. Those difficulties are only compounded for veterans and others who are suffering from a total permanent disability," it added.

Under the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, which passed Congress with strong bipartisan support before being signed by President Bush, the Department of Education has an obligation to discharge loans of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of their service.

The law already states that "if a student borrower...dies or becomes permanently and totally disabled...the secretary shall discharge the borrower's liability on the loan by repaying the amount owed on the loan."

When a veteran "has been determined by the secretary of Veterans Affairs to be unemployable due to a service-connected condition," he or she "shall be considered permanently and totally disabled for the purpose of discharging such borrower's loans" and "shall not be required to present additional documentation" of his or her disability.

The Department of Education has the authority to automatically discharge the student loans of disabled veterans. The attorneys general "urge the department to implement the plain intent of the Higher Education Act by doing so as expeditiously as possible." ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Islandwide Cleanup today and tomorrow

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality would like to invite the public to participate in the two-day Islandwide Cleanup today, May 31, from 3pm to 4:30pm and tomorrow, June 1, from 8am to 10am. The event is part of the celebration of Environmental Awareness Week, which will be celebrated on May 28-31, 2019. ***(PR)***

Workshop on bottom fishing and fish handling

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council announces the availability of a program to assist in the development of bottom fish fisheries in the CNMI.

This program includes a fully functional fishing vessel, workshops on bottom fishing gear, seafood safety and marketing. The workshop is free but limited to 10 participants and is set to begin on June 1, 2019, through June 2, 2019, in Lower Base.

For more information, contact Augustin Kaipat at (670) 322-9834 or email at kaipat.dlnr@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Kagman Family Carnival tomorrow

This Saturday, June 1, 2019, the Kagman Schools Parents Teachers Students Association will be hosting the Kagman Family Carnival. This will take place at Kagman Elementary School field from 9am to 2pm.

There will be a free bounce house, live entertainment, food vendors, games and lots of raffle prizes. The end-of-the-year raffle will begin at 1pm. You must be present to win!

Come down and spend the day with the family at the Kagman Schools family Carnival day this Saturday starting at 9am. ***(PR)***

Time management training set

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions will be hosting a training on time management at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315) on June 26, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is $50 per person for Chamber members and $55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. Reservations and advance payment are required as seating is limited. To register, call 670-234-7150 or email coordinator2@saipanchamber.com. ***(PR)***

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Bid to put up paragliding business in Marpi is denied

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REPORTER

The Zoning Board denied Wednesday a company's application for permit to operate a powered paragliding business on a private land along Banzai Cliff Road in Marpi.

Citing the law that prohibits paragliding activity in Marpi, Zoning Board director Mariano Taitano recommended denying the application of Top Sheng Investment LLC during a public hearing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

All other board members—Jose Ayuyu Jr., Patrick Reyes, Tatiana Babauta, Ignacio Demapan, and Francisco Aguon—agreed with Taitano.

The Zoning Board directors heard Top Sheng Investment LLC's request shortly before their election of officers.

In a separate interview, Taitano, who was later voted board chairman, said that a business activity such as paragliding in that area of Marpi is prohibited under the law as the place is within the rural district.

Taitano said he reviewed the statute and the board's legal counsel, assistant attorney general Christopher Timmons, confirmed the prohibition.

However, Taitano would like to see that kind of business activity for tourists and expressed sympathy for the businessman who wanted to invest in the project.

He said this is why he urged Rep. Sheila Babauta (Ind-Saipan), whose precinct covers the area, to have the law amended to allow such a business to operate and thus attract tourists to come and visit the island.

Top Sheng Investment, which is composed mainly of investors from Taiwan, is planning to invest $96,000 for its paragliding project on 1,000 square meters of land. Yueping Guo is listed as the lessee of the property. Richard Peng is the contact person of Top Sheng Investment LLC.

In an earlier interview, Peng said they chose to set up the business in Marpi as paragliders need to stay away from the airport and avoid intruding into private airspace.

Peng said their planned route is along the coastline, but they will see to it that they will not disturb tourists on the ground.

He said powered paragliding will make the sky in Marpi more colorful.

According to Wikipedia, powered paragliding, also known as paramotoring or PPG, is a form of ultralight aviation where the pilot wears a motor on their back which provides enough thrust to take off using a paraglider. It can be launched in still air, and on level ground, by the pilot alone—no assistance is required.

CPA posts progress on airport repairs

The Commonwealth Ports Authority continues to make progress in repairing parts of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport that were damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu last October.

These repairs and installations of items in the airfield over the past couple of weeks include the repair of the airport pilot signage; the installation and repair of wind cones for runways 7 and 25; the installation of pilot directional signs, such as the installation of multiple LED lights and transformers; the replacement of burned circuit boards; and the removal of electrical wirings in the rotating beacon.

Also, the Commonwealth Ports Authority has cleared a staging area and side office to house incoming materials for the installation and construction of new loading bridges.

Outside the airfield, the CPA continues to repair several damaged properties. It recently installed three new check valves and replaced a mechanical seal at its primary and secondary water pumps. All its water pumps are now fully functional.

"Although Super Typhoon Yutu has caused significant damage to the airport, the Commonwealth Ports Authority continues to operate as efficiently as possible," said CPA executive director Chris Tenorio. "Our staff works tirelessly to continue to repair and improve all of CPA's ports. The CNMI should be very proud of its hard-working staff at CPA." ***(PR)***

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For the first time in Northern Marianas pageant history, a new “People’s Choice” award will be given to the chosen contestant during the 2019 Miss Marianas Pageant called the Marianas Gem Award.

Voting online at www.mvariety.com will begin tomorrow in the runup to the 2019 Miss Marianas Pageant on June 15; only one vote per device is allowed.

The 2019 Miss Marianas Pageant “People’s Choice” Marianas Gem Award will feature a special hand-carved trophy and a $500 cash award.

The 2019 Miss Marianas contestants are Junalyn Billedo, Riane Capalad, Merly-Ann Fernandez, Sharon Palacios, Shannon Sasamoto, and Dierra Palacios.

The 2016 Miss Marianas Teen, Palanga Blas Taimanao, her mom, Cecile, and her family, decided to sponsor an award for this year’s pageant that reflects who people think which of the six contestants represents the Marianas.

Everyone is encouraged to vote and help select the first “People’s Choice” Award. Results will only be made known during pageant night.

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TanHoldings chief executive officer Jerry Tan, eighth from left, and Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, seventh from right, present the ceremonial check donation to acting Saipan Mayor Antonia Tudela Manibusan, 10th from left, and 2019 Liberation Day Planning Committee chair Joe Ayuyu Jr., ninth from right, for the Liberation Day festivities. Also present at the donation turnover ceremony last Wednesday at the Saipan Mayor's Office were 2019 Liberation Day Planning Committee members and TanHoldings executives. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TSL Foundation donates $15K for Liberation Day celebration

Organizers of this year's Liberation Day Festival want the festivities to be a moment of respite and to celebrate the many tremendous strides that have been made so far.

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the charitable arm of TanHoldings Corp., is helping make that happen with a $15,000 donation last Wednesday at the Saipan Mayor's Office in Oleai, making the foundation a platinum sponsor.

"When things get tough, when people need help, it's time to step up," said TanHoldings chief executive officer Jerry Tan, who handed over the ceremonial check to Liberation Day Planning Committee chair Joe Ayuyu Jr.

The committee said the donation is the biggest assistance it has received so far.

This year, the Liberation Day festivities will run from June 27 to July 6 at the Garapan Fishing Base.

"Months after Super Typhoon Yutu, there were community events that we're either canceled or rescheduled. People then started asking if we will have the Liberation Day festivities," Ayuyu said.

"We must, because our people deserve a celebration after working together to recover and rebuild from Yutu. This year, we would want the community to enjoy a more exciting and fun festivities," he added.

Present at the donation ceremony last Wednesday were other members and officials of the 2019 Liberation Day Planning Committee, TSL Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, TanHoldings vice president (for Corporate HR) Catherine Attao-Toves, and TanHoldings Community Relations director Carli Sablan.

"The Tan Siu Lin Foundation recognizes that it's very challenging for the Liberation Day Planning Committee to put up an event and find sponsors after Super Typhoon Yutu, so we are here to help," Tolentino said.

"It is through the generosity of business leaders like Jerry Tan and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation that we continue to stand here after going through one of the strongest typhoons to hit our islands," Ayuyu said.

"We would like to thank TanHoldings and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for their continued support and commitment to the Liberation Day festivities," said Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia Manibusan Tudela, who is the acting Saipan mayor.

One of the highlights of the 73rd Liberation Day festivities is the welcoming of World War II veteran Burke Waldron, a member of the Naval Ground Force of the Pacific that invaded the Makin Islands in Kiribati and Saipan in 1944. The 95-year-old Waldron is based in Washington and will be joining not only the Liberation Day celebration, but also the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Saipan.

Another feature is the 2019 Miss CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court competition. Pernalyn Camacho, Lea Salalila, Rhe'ann Tudela, Angel Deleon Guerrero, Kiara Nekaifes, Nadine Kapileo, and Regiene Babauta will vie for the 2019 Miss CNMI Liberation Queen title.

There will be games at the Garapan Fishing Base, while application forms for the parade and float competitions will soon be released. Local entertainers will also perform during the 10-day celebration. ***(PR)***

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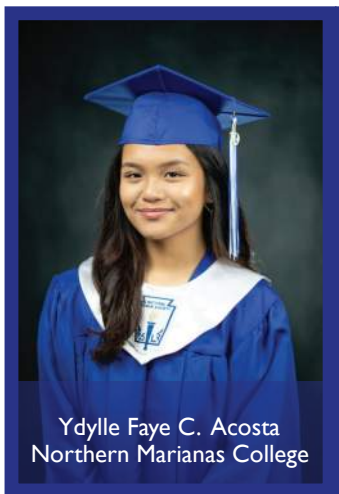
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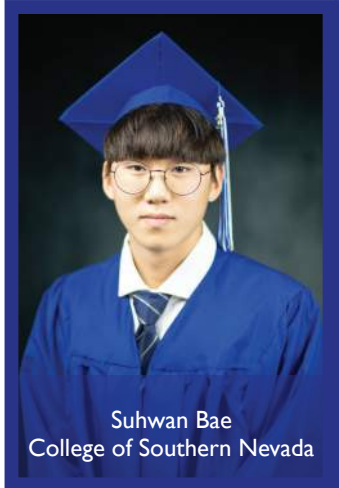
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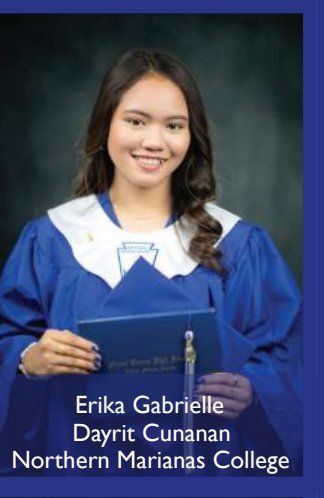
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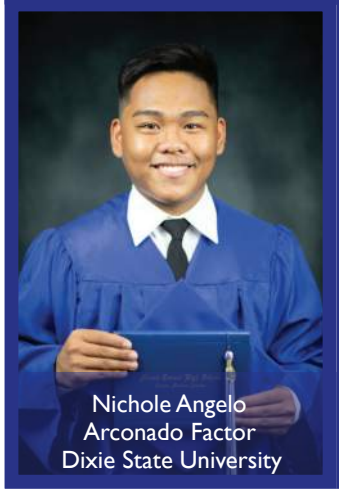
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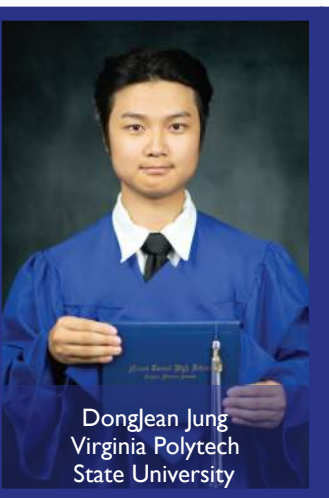
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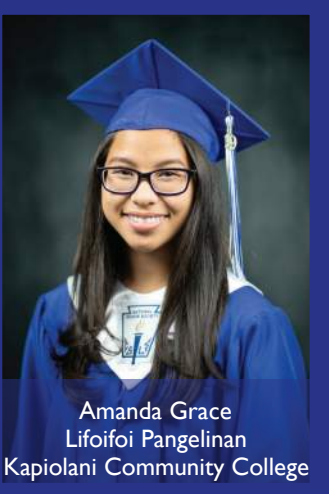
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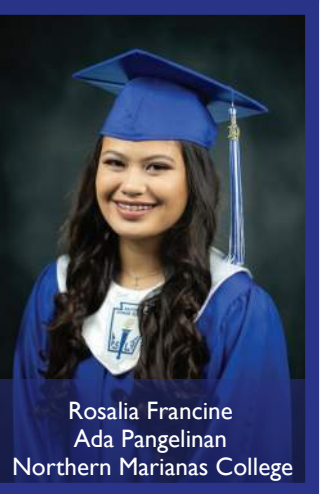
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Needing emergency treatment is bad enough. End surprise ER bills

When you go to a grocery store, you don't put a loaf of bread or a cut of meat into your basket without looking at the price tag. But when Americans go to a doctor or a hospital, they typically have no idea what their healthcare provider will charge for the services they're going to receive. Instead, they stick with the providers in their network, trust their doctors' treatment recommendations and hope that their insurer will cover most of the cost.

That's fine until you're in a car wreck and an ambulance takes you to an out-of-network hospital for emergency care. Or until you go to an in-network emergency room, only to discover later that the specialists assigned to your case were out-of-network.

Then you get hit with a surprise bill above and beyond your insurance co-pay that may be more crippling than the injury that sent you to the hospital in the first place. More than 1 in 10 American adults has received an unexpected bill from an out-of-network provider, according to a survey last year by NORC at the University of Chicago. Horror stories about surprise bills have become so common that a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll found that more than three-fourths of those surveyed want Congress to protect them from this practice.

Washington is listening. At least four bipartisan bills to curtail surprise medical bills have been introduced in Congress. And President Trump jumped into the debate earlier this month, calling on Congress to move on the issue.

The out-of-network billing problem exists in part because insurers have sought to rein in costs by shrinking their provider networks and steering patients to less expensive doctors and hospitals. But some specialists and provider groups have deliberately played the out-of-network game.

This is especially true in emergency rooms, where the patients' inability to choose their doctors provides a strong incentive for physicians not to cut deals with insurers. For example, a 2017 study on surprise bills by Yale University researchers reported that one group of emergency room physicians that exited networks to bill as out-of-network providers charged twice as much for care as their ERs used to charge.

The various proposals in Congress would all prevent patients from being billed more for out-of-network emergency care than they would have to pay for in-network care.

Ultimately, policymakers need to do more to enable healthcare consumers to learn about costs ahead of time and to bring competition and market forces to bear on this industry. The Trump administration has pushed healthcare providers to publish their prices so that consumers (and insurers) can more easily shop around. Even more helpful are efforts to develop teams of providers that compete by offering complete treatments for set prices.

Yet when it comes to emergency care, patients can't shop around for providers, giving doctors and hospitals a captive audience and a free pass to gouge. Congress needs to step in and protect people from being taken advantage of while they are flat on their backs.

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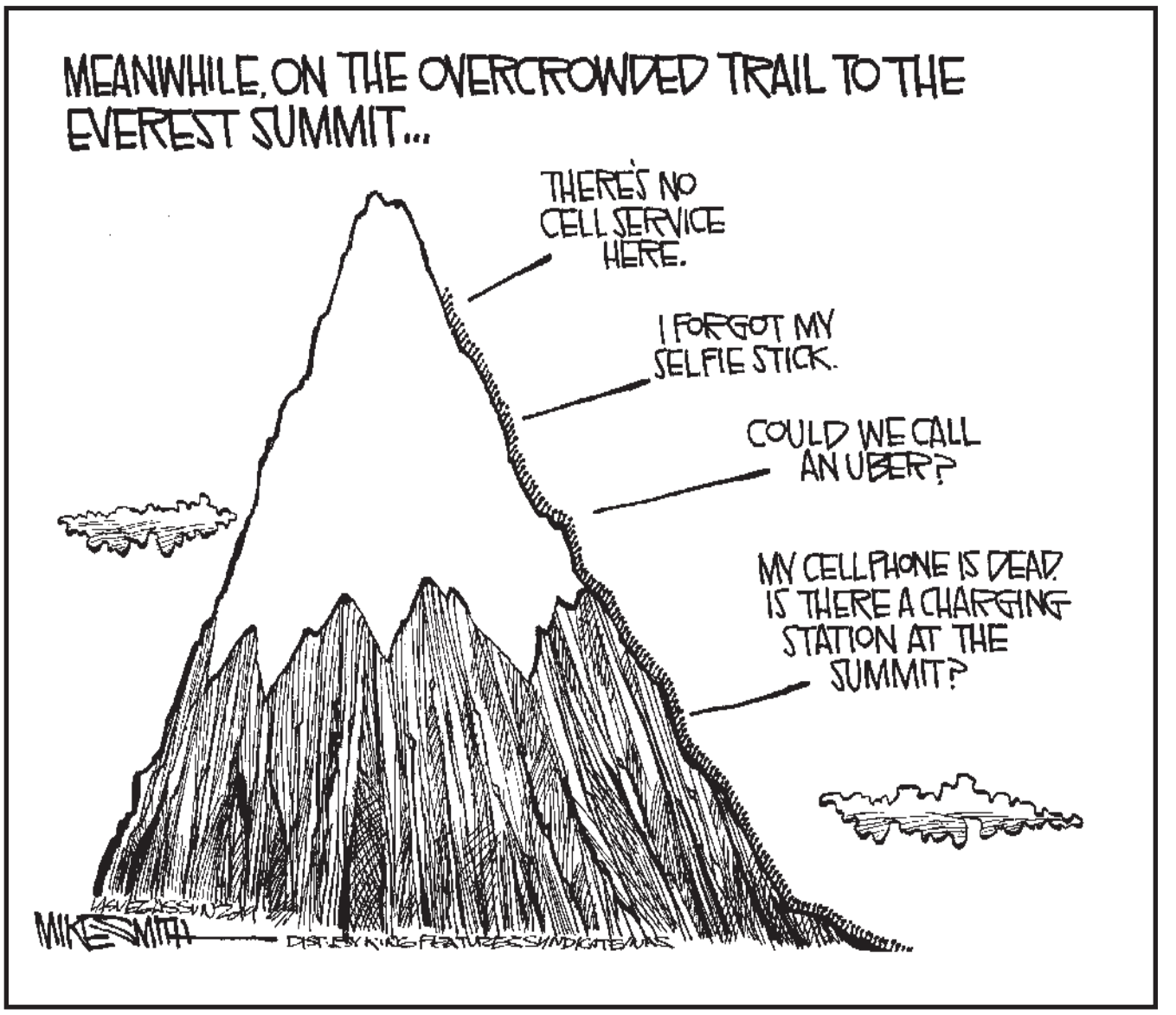
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Is youth really wasted on the young?

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

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I've never thought that youth was wasted on the young, as George Bernard Shaw is said to have argued, because I remember far too well how much stamina, resilience and imagination it took to make it past age 25.

I haven't forgotten how much work it was to learn arithmetic or how hard it was to be to be dismissed with "You're too little to understand this."

I'll never forget how, for years, I winced every time looked in the mirror. My skin, so ravaged by acne that it looked like a battlefield, shamed me. It felt impossible to let the world—as defined by my high school crowd—see me and, I assume, judge me as ugly, but there was no alternative. My parents didn't have the money for doctors or treatments. So every morning I looked at my face and hated it, genuinely hated it, but pulled together the necessary toughness and got myself to class.

In retrospect, it took far more manufactured courage for me simply to show up those mornings than it's ever taken me, as an adult, to address audiences of 5,000 (or more, if there's a Jumbotron) or to appear on television (where there's always a close-up).

At age 62, I've at last grown accustomed to my face. I still see scars, but I realize others look past them.

And so I give that brave girl credit, and I give the unquestioning nature of her youth credit as well.

The girl I once was didn't allow herself to stay home to avoid what felt like failure, to escape what felt like rejection, or to stay away from what she thought was a game rigged against her. And the woman I've become doesn't run from a fight, doesn't stop until she's finished, doesn't worry about being overlooked and understands, more importantly than anything else, that she's not the only one who feels this way.

What's starting to surprise me, however, is realizing that a similar stamina, resilience and imagination will clearly be necessary if I'm going to make through old age.

Ranking right up there with experience, humor and excellent prescription coverage, those of us over 60 need the same guts, self-discipline and bravado that it took to survive ninth grade.

I'd pictured it differently. I figured my work would be done by now and I could just sit around offering sage advice or good-naturedly haranguing people who respected me despite my signature eccentricities.

By age 62, for example, I thought I'd be a combination of Aunt Bea from The Andy Griffith Show, Grannie from the Beverly Hillbillies and the short, dark plump fairy-godmother Merryweather from Disney's "Cinderella."

Around age 40, such thoughts were soothing.

As I pick-axed my way through tenure and muscled my way into publishing, I reassured myself that it would get easier. When I got older and felt less pressure, I promised myself, I'd sleep in; I'd go to bed early; I'd eat healthier; I'd exercise more; I'd become more temperate and more sanguine.

If I couldn't actually become Aunt Bea, at least I'd become beatific.

What I didn't know is that I'd still be fretting about how to organize my next book so that a reputable publishing house will want it, or be frustrated by hacking through increasingly complex layers of malarkey in professional arenas to get work done, or, for that matter, fighting to keep basic rights for women intact.

When imagining I could relax and luxuriate in a solidly entrenched sense of self-worth once I reached a certain age, what I didn't factor in was how much the world would still fascinate and infuriate me.

There's less hunting and more gathering at this point; I can harvest some of what I've been fortunate enough to cultivate, and for that I'm grateful.

Yet because the world remains inscrutable, I remain drawn daily to the fracas and the fray. I don't want to retire from the colossal phenomenon that is ordinary life, with its loud noises and swerves against logic, its preposterous collisions with history and its jaunty refusals to stay down after the referee declares the match is over.

Youth isn't wasted on the young. Everything we learned then, we'll need even more once we're old.

Voters must review!

An interesting sentiment is emerging relating to voter dissatisfaction over policymakers they feel is ill-equipped to handle matters of state.

In fairness to policymakers, it's good to redirect the delusional expression right back at voters: the die is cast. You placed them there! What's the basis of your Johnny-Come-Lately expression? Understood the sentiment laced with frustration.

Goes to show that politics is fluid and the state of fluidity constantly shifts tides and moods. Did you forget that you factor directly into the apparently mounting mess? It's good to hear your dissatisfied expression but look at your five fingers to ensure three aren't pointing right back at you!

To reconcile the issue only means one thing: voters must exercise critical review of a candidate's qualifications before marking them off. It should grant them time to learn of credentials, depth of vision and conviction, among others. It's all at the palm of your hands.

Mirror it against the state task at hand so you secure your answer forthwith. I know how easy it is to simply ride the noisy bandwagon of partisanship come hell or high water. But with a sense of humility you should ably decide the future of our people over whimsically spineless, hollow, shallow and raucous political answers of the moment.

Confusion: It piqued my curiosity the new slugfest between individual federal judges and President Trump recently on "nationwide injunctions that block policies from enforcement", per a Fox News story.

"Now the Trump administration is fighting back, actively looking for a case to take to the Supreme Court in an effort to reassert the authority of the president and limit that of the judiciary.

"These nationwide injunctions have frustrated presidential policy for most of the President's term with no clear end in sight," Attorney General William Barr said in a speech Tuesday. "One judge can, in effect, cancel the policy with the stroke of the pen," according to Fox News.

"Barr and Vice President Pence have been leading the very public effort to highlight what they say is a federal court system out of control. The administration makes the point nationwide injunctions have occurred more during this presidency than all others combined.

"We believe that needs to change," Pence said on "Fox News @ Night" last week. "We believe that's really a distortion of the separation of powers and the balance of powers in our constitution. And so we're going to be looking for a case to take the issue of national injunctions all the way to the Supreme Court." It's headed to court for clarification, a good issue for continuing students of government.

Resiliency: Slammed by two succeeding storms and exit of Nippon investments, our jaws dropped caught in disorientation, confused.

Placed in the sea of abject poverty and hardship admirable the sense of indigenous resiliency making the best of what's left at home. We get up the next day to begin clearing destruction while ensuring there's a roof over our heads for the evening. It's all hard work from dawn to dusk.

Had to spend the whole day clearing downed trees around the yard. By eight in the evening, I was ready for a clean up and supper after more than eight hours of sheer hard work. The quick shift in work, after being relegated to my laptop for years, was a bit hard and heavy. It wasn't optional either!

From dawn, everybody in the neighborhood was busy with chain saw cutting trunks and large branches of fallen trees. By late afternoon, it's collect and dump in order to clear and clean the yard once more. Being in the typhoon belt usually means an occasional visit by uninvited visitors like Yutu.

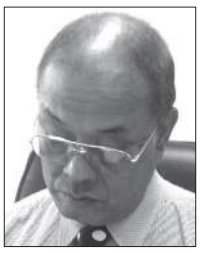
Cut! The front page of local papers is replete with stories of budgetary shortfall all over government recently. The new thematic word, again, is "cut" lest bankruptcy slides in comfortably.

Reportedly, Senate President Victor Hokog contemplates cutting expenses forthwith. His decision is an iconic marksman of a seasoned public servant. Anything from the lower chamber or is it relegated to "ke sera" or "not yet, already?"

Either it's done or we engage unnecessarily in what's known as deficit spending. Reduction in revenue is part and whole of the deepening economic contraction at home. It's happening and there's no sign of it leveling off anytime soon. Thus, collective prudence becomes a matter of necessity.

Tufai: The term is local for old age. How do you know you're already there? When you open the newspaper and head straight to the "obituary" before checking the headlines!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Song Humor Among Swing Swang Swung

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Swing, Swang, Swung

He liked to swing, she swang, they swung
back and forth he rocked and did his thing
she climbed the ladder to slide along
they swung from ropes ala jungle king
swinging back and forth profiled and styled
going on the merry go round was next
grab the steel rings and look for a brass
reaching out from their horses they smiled
on painted ponies riding up and down
back at the playground some still swinging
but trying to go over the top kept bringing
those not high enough tumbling to the ground
it was then they began to swoong and swoong
which is when you swing in reverse too soon

Swinging on the Wane

(*Sung to the tune of* Singing in the Rain)

Swinging on the wane
our swingings on the wane
I think we're going
to start sliding again
so sweetly we swung
and discreetly we swung
oh all the pleasure and
joys that it brung
delighted we swang
every night we could swang
and who could resist
all the joys that it brang
now we're all laughing inside
swinging and playing on the slide

Holey Moley Love That Country Swing

(*Sung to the tune of the C&W song*, Roly Poly)

Holey moley love that country swing
totally gnarly love to dance that thing
on the front porch maybe out in back
in the barn or way up in the haystack
we'll be dancing from winter into spring
we'll be romancing as we do our thing
at the wedding and around the big dance hall
do-si-do ing going round and round the floor
hot and sweaty just hear that fiddler call
allemande our partners calling out for more
back to back and we're twirling all around
until so exhausted we have to go sit down
holey moley love that country swing
holey moley love that country swing

"Your Little Flights of Fancy..."

By WALT GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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There's nothing you can offer
that I can't get on my own
The essence of your sales pitch
are all things I've long outgrown

For it's not about the money
I've got streams that feed my wealth
And it's not about some "status"
that's derived outside myself

Yes, a legacy is fine
So call me selfish if you must
But my focus is the present
not when dust returns to dust

I roam the world nomadic
poised to live out all my dreams
You, who merely skim the surface
miss the depth of all my schemes

And yet how is it I'm able?
So footloose and fancy free?
It's those "little flights of fancy"
that's how all this came to be!

I had an interesting email exchange recently with the head of a European-based publishing company who wants to commission me by contract to write a book about Saipan's history. During our last exchange, in an effort to provide what he hoped would be motivation for me to put his proposed project higher up on my list of book ideas I've been completing and self-publishing, he wrote: "Think about walking into Barnes & Noble when you next visit the U.S. and seeing your ever-smiling face gleaming at you from their hallowed shelves. Think of your legacy. ...Think also about status. It is one thing publishing your own little flights of fancy, but quite another to be published by a proper publishing house."

I wrote in reply: "Be careful, my friend. 'Little flights of fancy' sounds a bit dismissive of a body of work that has sustained me for the past three decades, represents the lifelong pursuit of my passion and has helped others do the same.

"As I said, all that you offer may be great motivation for you, but I've learned and found years ago when I was building a sales team, that one needs to be cognizant and respectful of what moves the other person to action. Status? I passed that stage of life many years ago. "

Years ago, I made the conscious choice to walk away from my civil engineering career, put my Ivy League engineering diploma "on the shelf" and escape that life to pursue my passion for writing while adhering to a certain set of personal principles and standards.

I've turned down large sums of money to do my PassionProfit seminars and workshops that were to be sponsored by alcohol companies; and I regularly refuse to work with individuals who or organizations that operate counter to my personal ideals, or who project negativity as I define it.

In my writer workshops and coaching, I advise fellow authors mot to go the "proper publishing house" route in favor of having more control and, instead, deal directly with the buying public through independently-published projects. I've had author friends who've gone the publishing house route and, of course, I earn more per book than they do since I deal directly with the buying public through my websites. They still work day jobs, while I've been free for some time now. In many cases, I sell more books than they do, since I don't rely on a publishing house to decide if or when to allocate financial resources to marketing my book(s). Sometimes a "signed" author's books will languish on publishing house shelves for years, waiting for the company to decide to promote it. It's a Pyrrhic victory.

Through my own efforts, I've been featured in or written for Time Magazine, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Entrepreneur*, Ebony and *Black Enterprise* magazines, as well as on television and radio. So any craving for status has been satiated long ago.

I share all this not to impress you, but to impress upon you what you—as a writer—can achieve on your own without the so-called validation of being signed to a major publisher.

What that UK publisher didn't realize is that these days, getting me to sign a contract with any kind of publishing house is an extremely hard sell since it goes against just about everything I believe in, everything I represent about myself to my followers, and everything I've taught over the years in my books, my coaching and my writer workshops here on Saipan in regard to freedom, independence and control of intellectual assets. Everyone's situation and goals are different, of course, but for me, signing such a contract would represent a step backward, not forward.

So, ultimately, I sent the publisher a final email rejecting his offer. However, I do love the poetic meter of the phrase "little flights of fancy" and it makes a great title for a life rhyme! So enjoy and never let anyone belittle or dismiss the pursuit of your passion—whether as an author of books or other passionpreneur—as being somehow "less than."

Your little flights of fancy have the power to change your life! And, always remember: "Some of the greatest dreams that ever came true, weren't dreams at all, but standards that weren't compromised!"

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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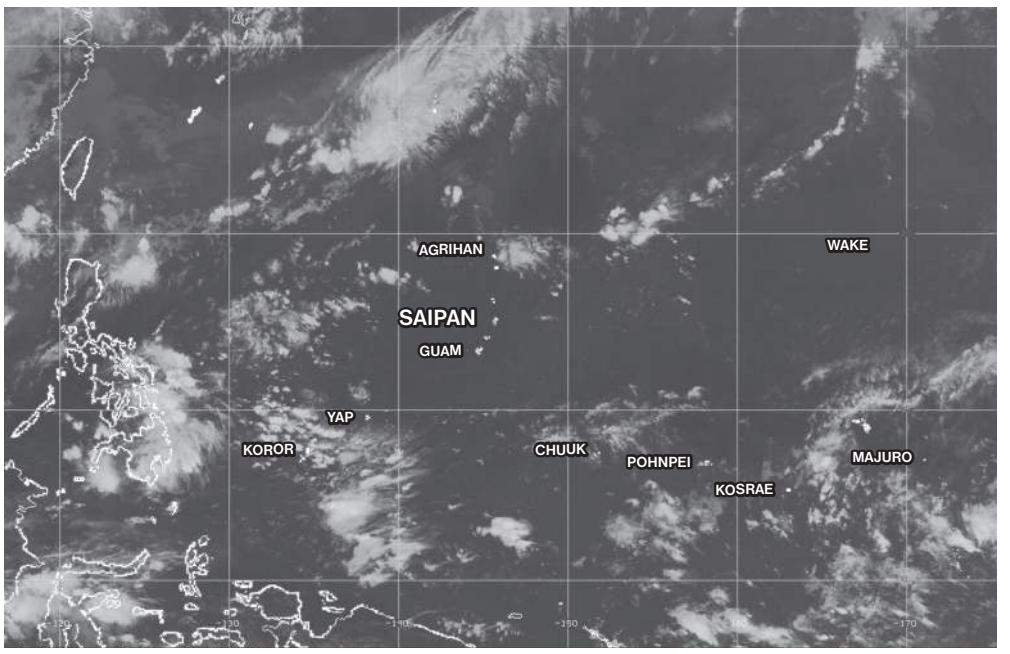

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Little change is expected through the weekend and into early next week. Only change to the forecast was to add more clouds and slightly higher POPs to the forecast for tonight through Friday night. A weak surface trough nearing 150E will provide the extra moisture across the region then. Otherwise, a dry and fair weather pattern with isolated showers and gentle to moderate trades will persist into next week. Combined seas around 4 feet the next few days will increase to between 4 and 6 feet Monday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	89° / 81°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	88° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 78°
Majuro	Cloudy	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	55° / 48°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	91° / 63°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°
London	Cloudy	73° / 54°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	73° / 58°
Manila	Thunderstorms	95° / 81°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	57° / 48°
Miami	Sunny	85° / 78°
New York	Sunny	78° / 60°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	81° / 64°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 57°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	73° / 61°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	73° / 61°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	91° / 67°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	61° / 51°
Seoul	Sunny	79° / 55°
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 64°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	81° / 66°

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:04 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.89
12:03 PM	LOW TIDE	0.25
6:18 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.62
11:50 PM	LOW TIDE	0.85

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM
Monday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	3:17 AM	3:51 PM	-
Saturday	3:56 AM	4:43 PM	-
Sunday	4:39 AM	5:37 PM	-
Monday	5:26 AM	6:34 PM	-
Tuesday	6:17 AM	7:33 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 10, 2019

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:56am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ62	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 4, 5
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:55am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:10am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:12am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 3, 4
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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HX076	5:15pm	00:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

DPW inviting vendors to register for Energy Rebate Program

The CNMI Division of Energy under the Department of Public Works is inviting all interested home appliance distributors, retailers and vendors to register to participate in the CNMI State Energy Program – Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program as a qualified participating vendor or retailer partner of energy-efficient Energy Star-rated appliances to encourage energy-efficiency and to promote the importance of energy conservation in the CNMI.

To participate and qualify as a participating distributor, retailer or vendor in the program:

1. Must have the ability to supply, deliver, and install, new energy-efficient Energy Star-rated qualified clothes washers, refrigerators, or room air conditioners. Only products that bear the Energy Star logo and are listed on the Energy Star-qualified product lists available on www.energystar.gov are eligible for rebates as part of this program. In addition, the SEP-ESARP will also qualify, under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards, non-Energy Star rated split-type room air-conditioning units with seasonal energy efficiency ratio of 18.0 or higher.

2. Must be able to provide the following required services:

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- Hauling away old appliances, 100 percent;
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4. Must agree to adhere to any and all additional requirements of the program.

5. Must attend mandatory meeting on June 5, 2019, at 10:30am, at the Division of Energy, located at House 1337, Ascension Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan.

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Letters of requests to participate in the program must be addressed to Ms. Thelma B. Inos, Director, CNMI Energy Division Office. Letter must also include a statement, on official company letterhead, certifying that minimum requirements are met and that the above services can be performed. Letters must be submitted to the CNMI Energy Division Office, at House 1337, Ascencion Dr., Capital Hill, Saipan, or received by email at cnmienergy@pti.com or maile.iakopo@cnmienergy.com, no later than 4:30pm on June 7, 2019.

Funding for this program is made possible through a grant by the U.S. Department of Energy. ***(PR)***

Nicole Sablan graduates from basic training

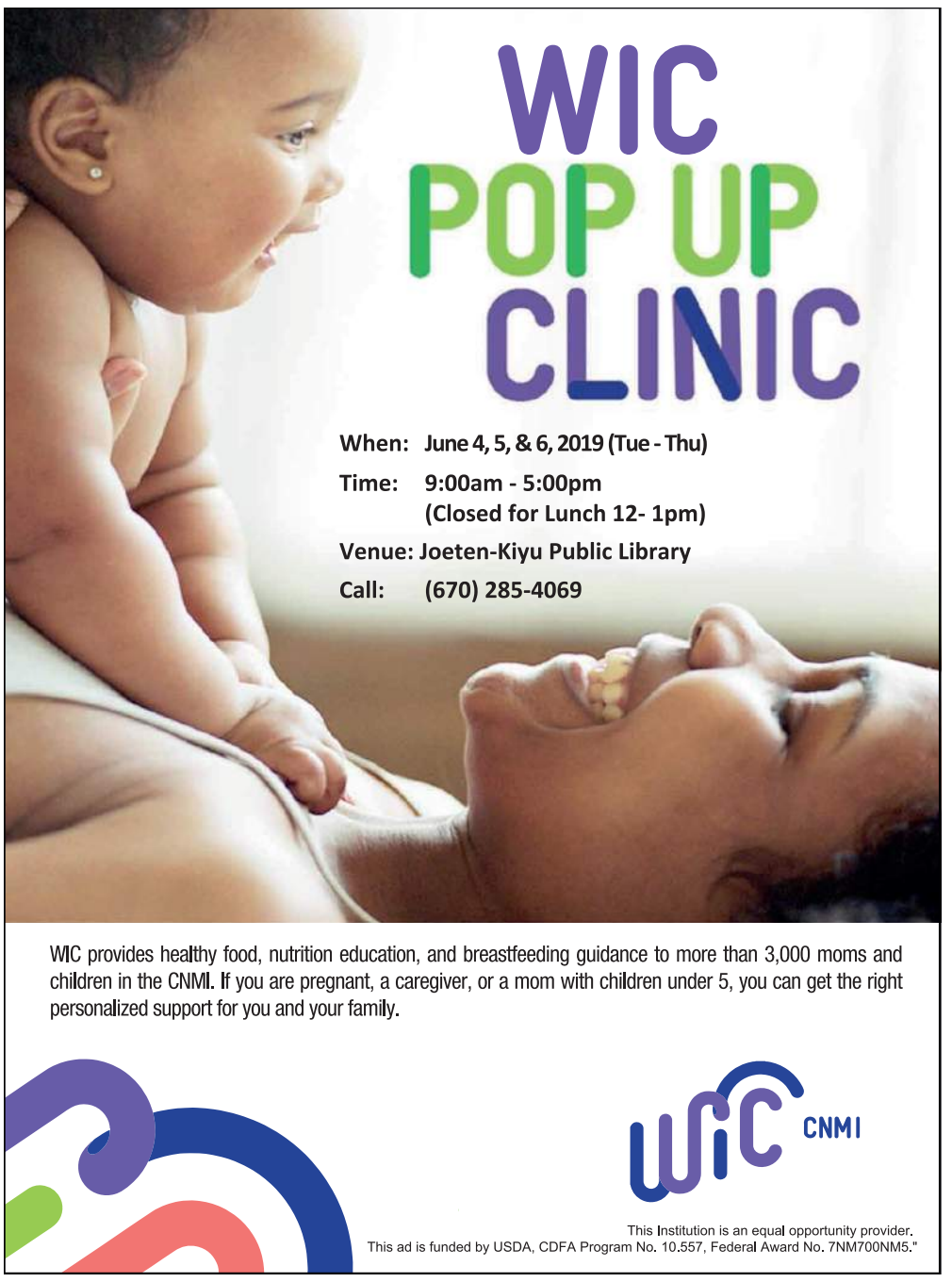
U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Nicole I. Sablan has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas, earning a distinction as an honor graduate.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sablan is the daughter of Belinda I. and Sonny C. Sablan of Dededo, Guam, and granddaughter of Brigida D. Ichihara of Saipan.

She is a 2011 graduate of Kagman High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 2016 from Northern Marianas College. ***(PR)***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New stories in 'We Drank Our Tears' series to premiere

Three new stories from the "We Drank Our Tears" series will premiere on Tuesday, June 4, at the Regal Saipan Megaplex.

The stories of Carmen Acosta, Sr. Antonieta Ada, and Rosa Agulto will be presented in collaboration with D&R Visuals as a follow up to last year's stories of Francisco Babauta, Benjamin Abadilla, and Rafael Mafnas.

The films are being presented as part of the CNMI's 75th anniversary commemoration of the end of World War II battles on the islands.

The series is adapted from *We Drank Our Tears*, a 2004 oral history of the civilian experience of World War II battles on Saipan and Tinian, published by Pacific STAR Young Writers Foundation.

Some of the final battles of World War II were waged on the Pacific islands of Saipan and Tinian in 1944. A total of 933 indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch civilians did not survive the battles. The three films chronicle three of those stories.

The new films were directed by veterans of Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club: School alumna Aysia Adele Duenas Santos directed Ada's story; William Blake Deleon Guerrero, who is a junior at MCS, directed Acosta's story; while another MCS student, Quincy Chinen, directed Agulto's story.

The three new films also herald the school's collaboration with a new creative partner in the series, D&R Visuals and its team of Denton Pangelinan, Rita Indalecio, and Carlo Domingo.

The cast and crew of the "We Drank Our Tears" gather for a group photo at one of the film shoots for the production. D&R VISUALS

An up-and-coming video and photo production studio on Saipan, D&R Visuals recently premiered its first narrative film, *Remember Me*, on Memorial Day, that highlights post-traumatic stress disorder.

The three new "We Drank Our Tears" films also mark the first time that they will be produced in partnership with Don and Kel Muña, the founders and directors of the Guam International Film Festival. The Muña brothers are established filmmakers who have long been avid supporters of Marianas filmmakers. They recently concluded a film seminar with Pacific Islanders in Communication, in which D&R Visuals participated.

MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero noted how the stories are coming full circle. "For the 60th anniversary, the *We Drank Our Tears* book was published to chronicle the experience of civilians in the war. Fifteen years later, we are keeping those stories alive by bringing them to life in film," he said.

The new films are being released on the heels of one of the previous films, the Rafael Mafnas' story, being screened at the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. Directed by MCS seniors Angelo Manese and Justin Ocampo, the film also won Best of Festival at the 2018 Guam International Film Festival.

Doors for the June 4 screening at the Regal Saipan Megaplex will open at 6:30pm and the screening will start at 7pm. Tickets are $10 and are available at MCS or for purchase at the door. Due to limited seating, advance purchase of tickets is recommended. For more information, call 234-6184 or email galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

The U.S. Air Force invites you to review the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and attend the Public Hearing for the proposed Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements.

TINIAN DIVERT BACKGROUND. In September 2016, the U.S. Air Force (Air Force) completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Divert Activities and Exercises (2016 Divert EIS). The 2016 Divert EIS evaluated the proposal to construct facilities and infrastructure at the Saipan and/or Tinian airports to support cargo, tanker, and similar aircraft and associated support personnel for divert operations, periodic exercises, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed on December 7, 2016 and announced the Air Force decision to select the Modified Tinian Alternative (Final EIS, Section 2.7) North Option (Final EIS, Section 2.5.2), as a future Divert location. After the ROD was signed, the Air Force conducted further evaluation of fuel transfer methods and associated infrastructure on Tinian, including the feasibility of different alternatives that were not considered in the 2016 Divert EIS.

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for public review that analyzes the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposal to construct a fuel pipeline from the Tinian seaport to Tinian International Airport, to include associated infrastructure at the Tinian seaport. The proposed pipeline would eliminate the need for bulk fuel storage tanks at the Tinian seaport and the need for fuel tanker trucks to transport fuel from the seaport to the airport, both analyzed in the 2016 Divert EIS. The Air Force is considering two alternatives for the pipeline route, a West route and an East route. The Air Force has identified the East route as the Preferred Alternative for the pipeline. The Draft SEIS also analyzes the Air Force proposal to improve certain existing roads between the Tinian seaport and airport that would be used to support Divert activities.

OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE DRAFT SEIS. The Draft SEIS is available for download at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com and may also be viewed at the following document repositories:

Saipan: Saipan Mayor's Office, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library

Tinian: Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian Public Library

PUBLIC HEARING – ALL ARE WELCOME. The Air Force requests comments from local and federal agencies, political stakeholders, and interested members of the public. The Air Force is holding a public hearing to provide the public with the opportunity to learn more about the proposal and provide input. The public hearing venue will open at 5 p.m. and begin with an "open house" style format and poster stations. At approximately 5:30 p.m., the Air Force will give a brief presentation about the proposal. Formal public testimony will begin at approximately 6 p.m. The hearing venue will close at 8 p.m. All members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend. Written and verbal comments will be accepted at the hearing; your input is valuable and assists the Air Force in making more informed decisions. A Chamorro/Carolinian interpreter will be available at the hearing to assist with translation of meeting materials and written comments. Hearing information is provided below:

Date	Time	Location
June 6, 2019	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Tinian Elementary Cafeteria

PUBLIC COMMENT. Comments on the Draft SEIS can be submitted in English electronically at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com; verbally or in writing at the public hearing; or via postal mail at the address below. For further information, please contact:

Ms. Julianne Turko, AFCEC/CZN
Attn: Tinian Divert SEIS
2261 Hughes Ave, Suite 155
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-9853

The Air Force also welcomes comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 Code of Federal Regulations 800) regarding the identification of or effects on historic properties. If you have comments or would like to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process, please visit the project website or contact Ms. Julianne Turko, AFCEC/CZN at the address above.

To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the Draft SEIS and the Section 106 process, please submit comments by July 1, 2019.

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RISING STARS

The Ayuyu Battalion of Kagman High School held their "Rising Stars" Awards Night Banquet last May 22, 2019, handing out 93 awards to cadets for their outstanding job throughout school year 2018-2019. The event began with the color guard led by Ayuyu Battalion commander C/LTC Aira Ngalongalo, followed by a buffet dinner, entertainment, presentation of awards and medals, and remarks from their Senior Army instructor, CPT James Burke, and KHS principal Leila Staffler. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The guests of the Ayuyu Battalion's "Rising Stars" Awards Night Banquet were associate commissioner of Education Lynette Villagomez; commissioner of Student Support and Student Support Services Yvonne Pangelinan; Veterans Of Foreign Wars commander Brad Ruszala; Kagman High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Army instructor SFC Giovanni Siruelo, Marianas High School JROTC Army instructor SFC Lujan, and SSG Reyes from the Marines. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

1.5M new cancer cases are predicted this year

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

It's predicted that a combined 1.5 million new cancer cases would be diagnosed in the United States and its territories this year, according to a proclamation recognizing CNMI Cancer Survivors Week.

This sobering data was highlighted last May 21, when Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios signed the CNMI Cancer Survivors Week and the National Cancer Survivors Day at the Governor's Office conference room on Capitol Hill, recognizing May 25, 2019 through May 31, 2019 as CNMI Cancer Survivors Week and June 2, 2019 as National Cancer Survivors Day.

The proclamation noted that there are about 300 cancer survivors in the CNMI and nearly 12 million in the United States. It further noted that there would be over 1.5 million new cancer cases diagnosed in the U.S. and its territories this year.

"Cancer survivors face challenges and difficulties after being diagnosed, including financial hardships, unhealthy psychological and emotional feelings, employment problems, and personal relationship struggles among others" the proclamation noted.

"Increased access to quality cancer care, screening, prevention, and patient navigation, especially among the medically underserved, must be a top priority in our community," the proclamation stated. It added that both the Commonwealth Cancer Association and the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.'s Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, along with other social and human services providers, are working together to the goal of "eradicating cancer" in the NMI.

Court grants part of FISG's demand

The *Saipan Tribune* erroneously reported in a previous article that Express Financial filed a lawsuit against Albert Moolang in pursuant of a loan, but it was actually Financial and Insurance Services Group, Inc. that filed the complaint.

In the corrected article, Financial and Insurance Services Group, Inc. was granted partial judgement in its favor in the sum of $1068.43 following a complaint that was filed with the Superior Court in March.

Moolang failed to appear before the court to plead or defend himself so the court entered a default judgement in favor of Financial and Insurance Services Group, Inc.

According to the order, the court granted FISG's requests for the principal sum due of $843.43 and the filing cost of $225. The court also granted post judgement interest of 9-percent per annum.

However, the court denied FISG's request for late fees worth $50, attorneys fees, and also denied the request for pre-judgement interest of 24-percent per annum worth $89.84.

The court found that Moolang did breach his contract with FISG because he failed to pay off a loan of $4,004.45 that he borrowed back in 2015. The principal amount still remaining was $843.43, that the court granted a judgement for in favor of FISG.

The court, however had to deny some of FISG's other requests because the evidence provided was not sufficient to warrant judgement in their favor. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

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Business

China dangles a potentially harmful new threat in trade war

A woman walks by a Huawei retail store in Beijing, Wednesday, May 29, 2019. AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing new trade sanctions and a U.S. clampdown on its top telecommunications company, China issued a pointed reminder Wednesday that it has yet to unleash all its weapons in its trade war with the Trump administration.

Chinese state media warned that Beijing could cut America off from exotic minerals that are widely used in electric cars and mobile phones. The threat to use China's rich supply of so-called rare earths as leverage in the conflict has contributed to sharp losses in U.S. stocks and sliding long-term bond yields.

For months, the world's two biggest economies have been locked in a standoff over allegations that China deploys predatory tactics—including stealing trade secrets and forcing foreign companies to hand over technology—in a drive to supplant U.S. technological dominance.

The Trump administration has imposed 25% tariffs on $250 billion in Chinese imports and is planning to tax the $300 billion in imports that have so far been spared. And it escalated the stakes this month by putting the Chinese telecom giant Huawei on a blacklist that effectively bars U.S. companies from supplying it with computer chips, software and other components without government approval.

The U.S. claims Huawei is legally beholden to China's ruling Communist Party, which could order it to spy on their behalf. Washington has offered no evidence that the Huawei has done that, however.

Huawei is trying to beat back one punitive U.S. measure in federal court. In a motion filed late Tuesday in eastern Texas, the company argued that a 2018 law that bars it from selling telecom gear to U.S. government agencies and contractors should be struck down as unconstitutional. The move for summary judgment in a case filed against the U.S. government in March says the law violates a constitutional prohibition against "trial by legislature" of individual entities. Congress thus acted unconstitutionally when it "adjudicated Huawei's guilt and blacklisted it," the motion argues.

An attorney representing Huawei in the U.S. case, Glen Nager of Jones Day, asserts that Congress alone cannot constitutionally impose punishment on an individual company—which the punitive law does in singling out Huawei by name.

The law "is intended to drive Huawei out of the U.S.—i.e., to banish it," Nager argued. It "stigmatizes Huawei as a tool of the Chinese government" with no right to a fair hearing, he added.

Steven Schwinn, a professor at John Marshall Law School in Chicago, suggested that Huawei's arguments fall short constitutionally, and "given that this relates to national security, we can expect the courts to be fairly deferential to the government."

The nationalistic Chinese newspaper Global Times warned that China has plenty of ways to retaliate against the United States, including the threat of cutting off supplies of rare earths. China last year produced 78% of the world's rare earths, according to researchers at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

If the U.S. fails to exercise restraint, it will see that "China is far from running out of cards, and we have the will and determination to fight the U.S. to the end," the paper's editorial said. An official of China's top economic planning agency did not rule out using rare earths as a countermeasure against "the U.S.'s unwarranted suppression."

President Xi Jinping visited rare earth-related businesses in southeastern Jiangxi province earlier this month. He called rare earths "an important strategic resource" while stressing the importance of owning independent core technologies, the state-run China Daily reported.

Ethiopian pilot pleaded for training weeks before Max crash

NEW YORK (AP)—Just days after a Lion Air Boeing 737 Max nosedived in Indonesia and killed all 189 people aboard, an Ethiopian Airlines pilot began pleading with his bosses for more training on the Max, warning that crews could easily be overwhelmed in a crisis and that one of their planes could be the next to go down.

"We are asking for trouble," veteran pilot Bernd Kai von Hoesslin wrote in a December email obtained by The Associated Press, adding that if several alarms go off in the cockpit at once, "it will be a crash for sure."

That prediction proved all too accurate.

What Ethiopian Airlines did in response to his warnings is unclear, and whether it made any difference is a matter of dispute. But within weeks, an Ethiopian Max indeed went down, killing all 157 people on board. It slammed into the ground amid a flurry of alarms as the pilots struggled to control a malfunction in the automatic anti-stall system.

While the anti-stall system has gotten most of the scrutiny in the two Max crashes five months apart that have led to a worldwide grounding of the planes, the concerns raised by von Hoesslin have added to a debate on the role pilot error played, and whether Ethiopian's pilots were as prepared as they could have been to avert disaster.

Von Hoesslin, a Canadian citizen who resigned from Ethiopian last month, argued in three emails to senior managers after the anti-stall system came under scrutiny in the Lion Air crash that crews flying Ethiopian's five Max jets should have been given more information and training on how the system worked. He also said pilots should be drilled on the steps to override it if it faltered. Von Hoesslin's emails were first reported by Bloomberg.

The Max's system, called MCAS, for Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, automatically pushes the plane's nose down when it is at risk of stalling. It misfired in both fatal crashes, with pilots losing control of the plane as they fought against it.

According to the email chain obtained by the AP, Ethiopian responded to the Oct. 29 Lion Air crash with a few emails to pilots detailing bulletins from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Boeing on what do if the anti-stall system malfunctioned. Other Ethiopian pilots who spoke to the AP say those emails required no signoffs that pilots actually read and understood the directives, and no mandated additional training.

"Ethiopian Airlines is a rapidly expanding airline and they have extremely inexperienced crews," von Hoesslin said in documents obtained by the AP. "You need to spoon-feed them the information and make sure they understand."

To underscore his point, von Hoesslin made a video shortly after the Ethiopian crash in which he quizzed a Max pilot on a Boeing list of warning signs on the stall system that crew members were required to commit to memory. That video, obtained by AP, shows him going blank on most of it.

"You have to have confirmation that they opened it, that they read it and that they understood it," von Hoesslin said in a document obtained by the AP. "They should have done a little online test with 10 questions. You don't pass until you get the 10 questions."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Pelosi slams Facebook for not removing altered video

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi slammed Facebook on Wednesday for not removing a doctored video that has spread widely on the social network in which she appears to slur her words. The altered video had been slowed down , giving the false appearance that Pelosi was drunk, ill or otherwise impaired. Facebook did not respond to messages seeking comment. In an interview last week with CNN's Anderson Cooper, Facebook's Head of Product Policy and Counterterrorism Monika Bickert defended the company's decision , noting that users are being told that the video is false when they view or share it. Pelosi said in San Francisco that she is no longer giving Facebook the benefit of doubt that it is "unwittingly" spreading false information. She said Facebook is serving an accomplice and enabler of false information and Russian elections interference. Facebook does not prohibit false information from being shared on its service. Instead, the company says it "downranks" such material to make it less prominent in people's news feeds and more difficult to find. It also employs outside fact-checkers, including The Associated Press, to determine the veracity of questionable material. It includes such fact checks around the disputed articles and videos but does not directly label them as false. Tech industry trade group NetChoice, whose members include Facebook, called Pelosi's comments "hyperbole" that makes it hard to identify the "real bad actors."

Financial adviser convicted in $1.5M fraud scheme

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—A Connecticut financial adviser authorities say stole about $1.5 million from his clients and used some of it to pay his mortgage, tuition and other personal expenses has been found guilty. Federal prosecutors say 42-year-old Leon Vaccarelli, of Waterbury, was convicted by a jury Wednesday of 21 counts including mail fraud and money laundering. Authorities say from 2011 until 2017 he took his clients' money and said he would invest it in IRA rollover accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit. Instead, he deposited customer funds into his own personal account and business bank accounts. He used some money to pay off earlier investors, including one who threatened to sue him. His lawyer blamed his actions on alcoholism. Vaccarelli remains free on $100,000 bond pending sentencing Aug. 22.

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Severe weather forecasts continue as Ohio, Kansas, clean up

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—People from Kansas to Pennsylvania picked up the pieces from a swarm of tornadoes and braced for more twisters Wednesday amid a record-breaking stretch of violent weather.

North Texas remained under a tornado watch until the evening, while the National Weather Service issued a flash-flood warning along the Oklahoma-Arkansas line as strong thunderstorms brought a new round of rain to eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas, where the Arkansas River is expected to crest at historic levels.

In the east, multiple tornado warnings were issued for New Jersey and Pennsylvania. At least three tornadoes were confirmed in Pennsylvania on Tuesday.

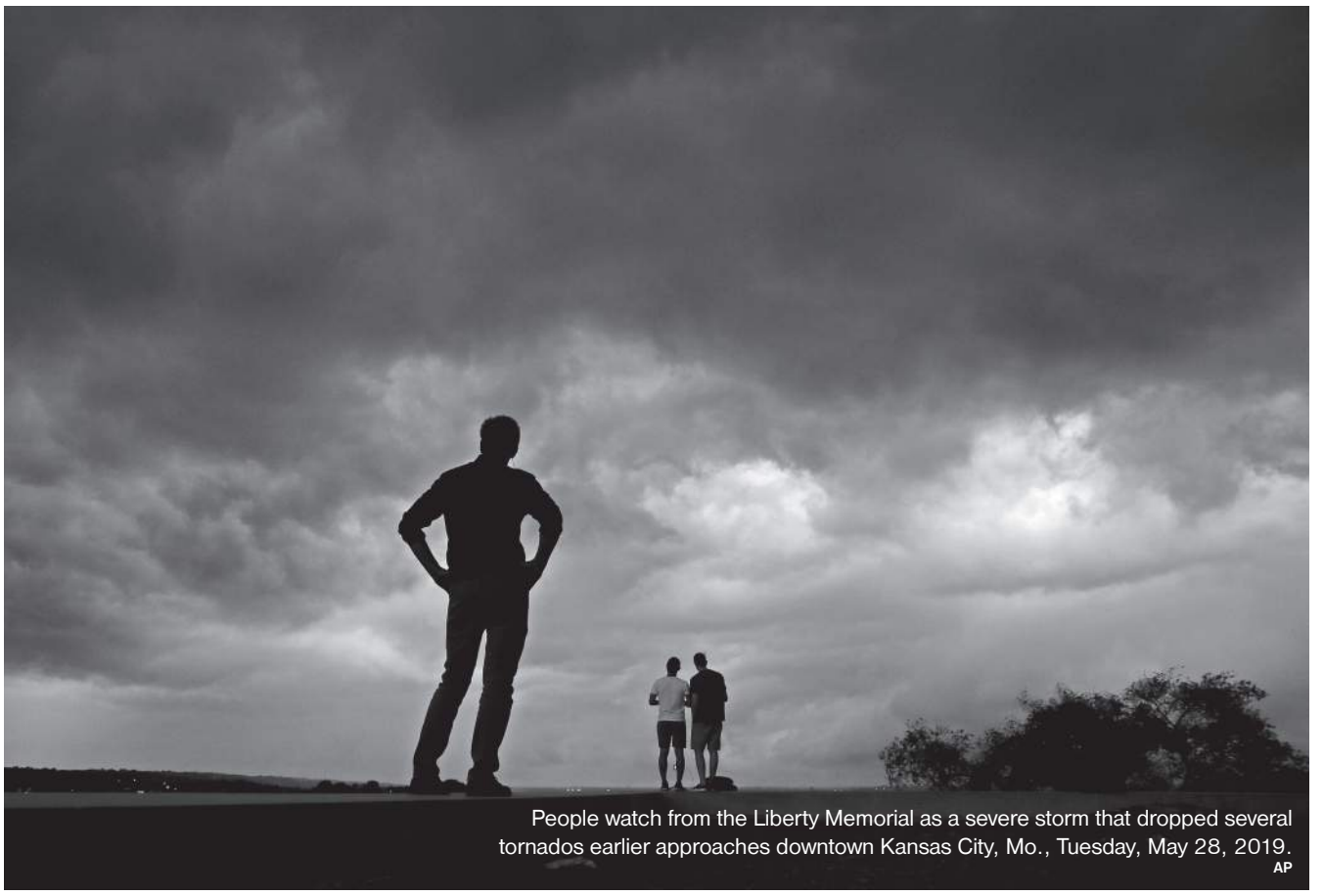
In Kansas, the National Weather Service was still assessing the strength of a twister that injured at least 15 people Tuesday, three of them seriously, and damaged homes, trees and power lines in Douglas and Leavenworth counties in eastern Kansas.

"I'm just glad I found my two dogs alive," said Mark Duffin, of Linwood, Kansas. "Wife's alive, family's alive, I'm alive. So, that's it."

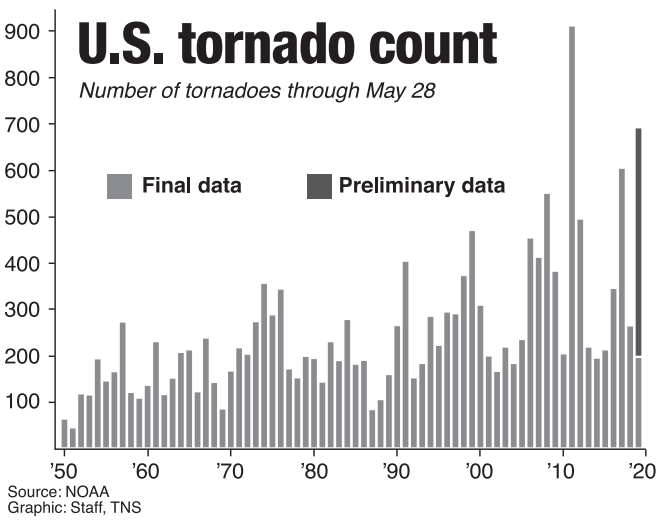
Duffin, 48, learned from his wife and a television report that the large tornado was headed toward his home about 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Kansas City.

The next thing he knew, the walls of his house were coming down, he told the Kansas City Star.

Tuesday marked the 12th straight day that at least eight tornadoes were reported to the National Weather Service. The previous record for consecutive days with that many tornadoes was an 11-day stretch in 1980. The weather service website showed at least 27 reports of tornadoes Tuesday, most in Kansas and Missouri but also in Pennsylvania and Illinois.



People watch from the Liberty Memorial as a severe storm that dropped several tornados earlier approaches downtown Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday, May 28, 2019. AP



In Ohio, tens of thousands of Ohio residents were without power or water Wednesday in the aftermath of at least eight tornadoes that spun across the state Monday. One person was killed and more than 140 injured.

At least 60,000 people lacked water service in the Dayton area, where ice and water distribution centers were set up. A utility said power had been returned to some 35,000 customers Wednesday, but tens of thousands still were awaiting restoration.

Gov. Mike DeWine declared an emergency in three hard-hit counties, allowing the state to bypass purchasing requirements to speed up delivery of essentials like water and generators.

"We get our share," DeWine told President Donald Trump on Tuesday, responding to the president's remark in a personal call that he didn't think of Ohio when he thought of tornadoes.

"Whatever we have to do, we'll do," Trump told the governor. "We'll take good care of you."

For Dayton resident Mike Harrington, Monday's storms brought back memories of one of the state's worst disasters. That happened on April 3, 1974, when one of the most violent tornadoes ever recorded struck Xenia, Ohio, 15 miles (24 kilometers) east of Dayton, killing 32 people and nearly wiping the city off the map.

Harrington, now 63, survived that 1974 storm, riding it out in a pitch black locker room at his high school where his track coach rushed athletes caught by the storm during practice.

On Monday, memories of that disaster came racing back as he stood outside his home near Dayton watching the lightning in the clouds and a cellphone alert told him to take cover immediately.

This time a twister roared through about 10 minutes from his house, one of at least three powerful storms that caused widespread damage in the Dayton area. At the church in Vandalia, where Harrington works as a multimedia specialist, the steeple was toppled and the building is so beat up that it may have to be torn down.

Body believed to be missing Utah girl is found

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A body believed to be a missing 5-year-old Utah girl was found Wednesday less than a block from her home, bringing a wide-ranging search to a grim close five days after the child was taken from her home and killed by her uncle, police said.

The body believed to be Elizabeth "Lizzy" Shelley was found hidden under trees and brush after 21-year-old Alex Whipple told his lawyer where he had hidden her, Logan Police Chief Gary Jensen said.

The discovery came hours after Whipple was charged with murder and other counts. He provided the map in exchange for prosecutors taking the death penalty off the table, Jensen said.

Jensen said the discovery was disappointing but "nevertheless is closure and helps us be able to now deal with the investigation and help the family through their grief."

In a statement read by a victim's advocate, the girl's mother Jessica Whipple said: "There are not words to express the sadness and heartbreak we feel today. This did not end the way we wanted to do but in the sadness we are comforted by the effort people put in to find Lizzy. We would never have expected this outpouring of love and support. It was beautiful."

The body was found after officers spent days combing the city set in a picturesque valley near the Idaho border about 80 miles (129 kilometers) north of Salt Lake City.

Crews previously searched the area where the body was buried but didn't find her, Jensen said.

Alex Whipple's attorney Shannon Demler said his client "knows he did something that's inexcusable."

"He wanted at least the family to know ... she had passed away so that they could get some kind of closure," Demler said.

Whipple hadn't previously acknowledged involvement in his niece's disappearance, but did tell police alcohol makes him "black out" and sometimes do "criminal things," prosecutors said.

He alluded frequently to "how evil the world we live in is," as he talked about his struggles as a child, according to court documents.

Mueller: No exoneration for Trump after Russia investigation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Special counsel Robert Mueller said Wednesday that charging President Donald Trump with a crime was "not an option" because of federal rules, but he used his first public remarks on the Russia investigation to emphasize that he did not exonerate the president.

"If we had had confidence that the president clearly did not commit a crime, we would have said so," Mueller declared.

The special counsel's remarks stood as a pointed rebuttal to Trump's repeated claims that he was cleared and that the two-year inquiry was merely a "witch hunt." They also marked a counter to criticism, including by Attorney General William Barr, that Mueller should have reached a determination on whether the president illegally tried to obstruct the probe by taking actions such as firing his FBI director.

Mueller made clear that his team never considered indicting Trump because the Justice Department prohibits the prosecution of a sitting president.

"Charging the president with a crime was therefore not an option we could consider," Mueller said during a televised statement . He said he believed such an action would be unconstitutional.

Mueller did not use the word 'impeachment," but said it was the job of Congress—not the criminal justice system—to hold the president accountable for any wrongdoing.

The special counsel's statement largely echoed the central points of his lengthy report, which was released last month with some redactions. But his remarks, just under 10 minutes long and delivered from a Justice Department podium, were extraordinary given that he had never before discussed or characterized his findings and had stayed mute during two years of feverish public speculation.

Mueller, a former FBI director, said Wednesday that his work was complete and he was resigning to return to private life. Under pressure to testify before Congress, Mueller did not rule it out. But he seemed to warn lawmakers tha t they would not be pulling more detail out of him. His report is his testimony, he said.

"So beyond what I have said here today and what is contained in our written work," Mueller said, "I do not believe it is appropriate for me to speak further about the investigation or to comment on the actions of the Justice Department or Congress."

His remarks underscored the unsettled resolution, and revelations of behind-the-scenes discontent, that accompanied the end of his investigation. His refusal to reach a conclusion on criminal obstruction opened the door for Barr to clear the president, who in turn has cited the attorney general's finding as proof of his innocence. Mueller has privately vented to Barr about the attorney general's handling of the report, while Barr has publicly said he was taken aback by the special counsel's decision to neither exonerate nor incriminate the president.

Asia

Deadly knife attack on schoolgirls startles Japan

TOKYO (AP)—In a country considered among the safest in the world, a deadly knife attack near Tokyo on a group of schoolgirls has shocked Japanese parents and officials and raised concerns over the safety of children.

Authorities say a man brandishing two knives slashed the girls and at least two parents as they gathered at a school bus stop in Kawasaki on Tuesday. An 11-year-old girl and a 39-year-old man were killed before the attacker fatally slashed himself in the neck. At least 17 people, mostly children attending Caritas elementary school, a Catholic private school, were injured.

Many Japanese children walk to neighborhood schools alone or in small groups, and some commute by themselves on trains or buses. Elderly people and volunteers often serve as crossing guards or safety monitors, with little other security.

Mieko Miyata, the head of a nonprofit research institute specializing in children's safety, said many people in Japan are too complacent about safety because of the low crime rate. Safety officials often focus on responses to disasters rather than on crime prevention, she said.

Children going to school are particularly vulnerable to attacks, she said, because they can be easily located at places such as school bus stops and often wear uniforms.

"Teachers are not anti-crime professionals," Miyata said. "In addition to neighborhood monitoring and cooperation, there should be concrete anti-crime measures such as professional security guards in uniforms."

A man prays for victims at the site where a knife attack took place in Kawasaki near Tokyo Wednesday, May 29, 2019. AP

According to education ministry statistics from 2016, 66% of schools had neighborhood safety patrols staffed only by volunteers, and less than 10% hired security guards at school.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told police and education officials on Wednesday to reinforce safety measures and patrols to protect schoolchildren across the country. He also asked for more neighborhood watch groups by community volunteers, while urging schools and authorities to share information about suspicious people.

"We must do whatever it takes to protect children's safety," Abe said. "I feel extreme regret about the extremely harrowing attack that affected many young children."

Japan's government has previously published crime prevention manuals for commuting schoolchildren. Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said officials are considering seeking out safe locations where children can gather before going to school in groups, either on foot or by bus.

Some schools increased monitoring by teachers after the attack. In Saku City in central Japan, police instructed children to call out for help or use an anti-crime alarm if they see a suspicious person while commuting on a school bus.

At Caritas school, children walk from a train station to a nearby bus stop to take a privately run bus to school, escorted by teachers.

"The school was taking good care of our children for their safety, including the bus driver," said a father of a student at the school who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity. "How on Earth can adults fully protect our children?"

Police on Wednesday raided the home of the alleged attacker, 51-year-old Ryuichi Iwasaki, in Kawasaki. Police would not confirm details, but local media said investigators were searching for clues about the motive for the attack.

City officials said Iwasaki lived with his elderly uncle and aunt and may have shunned other people.

While shooting deaths are rare in Japan, the country has had a series of high-profile killings in recent years. In 2016, a former employee at a home for the disabled allegedly killed 19 people and injured more than 20. In 2001, a man forced his way into an elementary school in Osaka, stabbing eight children to death and injuring 15 other people, including teachers.

ASIAN BRIEFS

India PM Modi to visit Maldives in 1st trip after elections

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the Maldives next week in his first trip abroad following his party's victory in national elections, an Indian official said Wednesday. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the trip has not yet been formally announced, said that Modi will visit the Maldives on June 8. Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid tweeted that the Maldives' Parliament adopted a resolution inviting Modi to address the body during the visit. Modi's decision to visit the Maldives suggests he is trying to reset bilateral ties that suffered while President Yameen Abdullah Gayoom led the island nation. Yameen had signed infrastructure project deals with China that troubled Indian officials. Yameen lost the presidency last year to Ibrahim Mohammed Solih in an election. The Maldives was the only neighboring country that Modi did not visit during Yameen's rule. In November, he attended Solih's swearing in ceremony. Solih faces a challenging task of balancing ties with India and China. Solih visited India in December and during his trip New Delhi announced $1.4 billion in financial aid for the Maldives government and lines of credit for the country's development programs.

Police: Pakistani man kills HIV positive wife in south

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's police say they have arrested a man who killed his HIV-positive wife and hung her body from a tree in southern Sindh province, where hundreds of people have tested positive for the virus. Wednesday's incident took place in the town of Sikarpur, 75 kilometers (45 miles) northeast of Larkana district, which has been struck by an HIV epidemic. The outbreak was detected in March when increasing numbers of people began coming to a hospital. Local police chief Sajid Siddozai says the woman tested positive for HIV recently and her husband suspected she had sex with some other person. Police recently arrested a doctor to determine whether he intentionally spread the disease in Larkana, where authorities registered over 23,000 HIV cases in 2017.

Missing Chinese scholar's parents arrive in US for trial

URBANA, Ill. (AP)—The parents of a visiting University of Illinois scholar who disappeared two years ago have arrived in Illinois from China for the murder trial of the man accused of abducting and killing her. Attorney Steve Beckett told The (Champaign) News-Gazette that Ronggao Zhang and Lifeng Ye arrived in Champaign over the weekend with their son. Their daughter, Yingying Zhang, went missing from the school's Urbana-Champaign campus in June 2017. Former Illinois student Brendt Christensen is charged with killing Zhang, whose body hasn't been found. He pleaded not guilty and his trial is set to begin Monday. The family said in a statement that they "want to be present on behalf of Yingying and follow the case closely." Beckett says the family plans to be in Peoria on Monday for the beginning of the proceedings. Zhang's family, who are from China's Fu Jian province, also traveled to Illinois soon after she went missing.

Mahathir urges US to talk with China, accept its greatness

TOKYO (AP)—Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad is calling for talks to resolve ongoing trade dispute between Washington and Beijing and is urging the world to accept China's technological prowess.

Mahathir says the U.S. cannot expect to always be at the top in technology, and countries need to talk to deal with a powerful China.

Speaking at a conference in Tokyo on Thursday, Mahathir referred to the Chinese telecom giant Huawei and said nations with differing ideologies must be able to get along.

For months, the world's two biggest economies have been locked in a standoff over trade balances and technology, including allegations that China uses unfair tactics, such as stealing trade secrets.

Mahathir has a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Friday.

World

Israel heads to election as Netanyahu fails to form govt

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's parliament voted to dissolve itself early Thursday, sending the country to an unprecedented second snap election this year as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to form a governing coalition before a midnight deadline.

The dramatic vote, less than two months after parliamentary elections, marked a setback for Netanyahu and sent the longtime leader's future into turmoil.

Netanyahu, who has led Israel for the past decade, had appeared to capture a fourth consecutive term in the April 9 election. But infighting among his allies, and disagreements over proposed bills to protect Netanyahu from prosecution stymied his efforts to put together a majority coalition.

Rather than concede that task to one of his rivals, Netanyahu's Likud party advanced a bill to dissolve parliament and send the country to the polls for a second time this year.

"I didn't spare any effort to avoid unnecessary elections," Netanyahu said after the vote, lashing out at an ally-turned-rival, Avigdor Lieberman, who refused the prime minister's offers to join the government.

He said the country was being forced to hold "unnecessary, wasteful elections because the people had their say. They didn't have their say enough for what Mr. Lieberman wants."

Had the deadline passed without the vote, Israel's president would have given another lawmaker, most likely opposition leader Benny Gantz, an opportunity to put together a coalition.

After the vote, Gantz angrily accused Netanyahu of choosing self-preservation over allowing the country's political process to run its course.

Gantz said that Netanyahu opted for "three crazy months" of a new campaign and millions of wasted dollars over new elections because he is "legally incapacitated" by looming indictments. "There is no other reason," Gantz said.

The country now plunges into a new election campaign that will last at least three months under Israeli law. With much of the country on vacation in late August, a tentative date of Sept. 17 was set.

The campaign looks to complicate Netanyahu's precarious legal standing. Israel's attorney general has recommended pressing criminal charges against him in three separate corruption cases, pending a hearing scheduled for October.

Even if Netanyahu wins the election, it is unlikely he will be able to form a government and lock down the required political support for an immunity deal before an expected indictment. That would force him to stand trial and put heavy pressure on him to step aside.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu before voting in the Knesset, Israel's parliament in Jerusalem, Wednesday, May 29, 2019. AP

The political uncertainty could also spell trouble for the White House's Mideast peace efforts. The U.S. has scheduled a conference next month in Bahrain to unveil what it says is the first phase of its peace plan, an initiative aimed at drawing investment into the Palestinian territories.

With the Palestinians, who accuse the U.S. of being unfairly biased toward Israel, opposed to the plan, and Netanyahu preoccupied with reelection, it remains unclear how the Americans will be able to proceed. President Donald Trump's top Mideast adviser, son-in-law Jared Kushner, was in Israel and scheduled to meet with Netanyahu on Thursday.

That Netanyahu struggled to secure a majority coalition in the 120-seat parliament was a shocking turn of events for the country's dominating political figure.

In the April 9 vote, Likud and its hardline nationalist and religious parties captured a majority of 65 seats.

The immediate cause of the crisis was his dispute with Lieberman, a former aide who leads the small Yisrael Beitenu faction.

The men had clashed over Lieberman's demand to subject ultra-Orthodox religious males to the military draft, which is compulsory for most Jewish males. Without Lieberman's five Knesset seats, Netanyahu had no parliamentary majority.

But the deeper issue is connected to Netanyahu's legal troubles. Facing a likely indictment, he had pushed his coalition partners to pass legislation that would grant him immunity and curb the powers of the country's Supreme Court.

Opposition parties strongly oppose granting Netanyahu immunity, robbing him of any alternatives to Lieberman as he tried to form a coalition.

For the past two decades, Lieberman has alternated between being a close ally and a thorn in the side of his former boss. He has held a number of senior Cabinet posts, including defense minister and foreign minister.

Lieberman's base of support is fellow immigrants from the former Soviet Union, and he takes a hard line toward the Palestinians but also is staunchly secular.

He has demanded that the parliament pass pending legislation that requires young ultra-Orthodox men to be drafted into the military. Years of wide exemptions for religious men have generated resentment among the rest of Jewish Israelis, who are required to serve.

"I am not against the ultra-Orthodox community. I am for the state of Israel. I am for a Jewish state but against a Halachic state," Lieberman wrote on Facebook early Wednesday, using a term that refers to a Jewish state governed by Jewish law.

7 dead, 21 missing after sightseeing boat collision in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—Seven people were confirmed dead and 21 remained missing early Thursday after a sightseeing boat carrying 33 South Korean passengers and two crew members collided with another vessel and sank in the Danube River in downtown Budapest.

Rescue officials said seven bodies had been recovered. Pal Gyorfi, spokesman for the National Ambulance Service, said seven people were rescued and hospitalized in stable condition following the accident Wednesday night.

National police spokesman Kristof Gal said 33 South Koreans were on the boat, after early reports mentioned 32. South Korea's Foreign Ministry later confirmed that 33 of its citizens were on the boat and said 19 were still missing.

The two crew members were identified as Hungarian.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in instructed officials to employ "all available resources" to support the rescue efforts in Hungary.

Moon's spokeswoman Ko Min-jung said in Seoul that Moon also ordered the launch of a government task force led by Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha to deal with the accident and maintain close communication with the family members of the South Korean passengers.

The sunken boat was located early Thursday near the Margit Bridge, not far from the neo-Gothic Parliament building on the river bank.

Employees from the South Korean Embassy in Budapest were assisting Hungarian officials in identifying those rescued and the deceased.

Officials said searchers were checking the Danube for miles downriver from Budapest. The river was fast-flowing and rising as heavy rain continued in the city.

Trump adviser warns of 'strong response' to any Gulf attack

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—President Donald Trump's national security adviser warned Iran on Wednesday that any attacks in the Persian Gulf will draw a "very strong response" from the U.S., taking a hard-line approach with Tehran after his boss only two days earlier said America wasn't "looking to hurt Iran at all."

John Bolton's comments are the latest amid heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran that have been playing out in the Middle East.

Bolton spoke to journalists in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, which only days earlier saw former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis warn there that "unilateralism will not work" in confronting the Islamic Republic.

The dueling approaches highlight the divide over Iran within American politics. The U.S. has accused Tehran of being behind a string of incidents this month, including the alleged sabotage of oil tankers off the Emirati coast, a rocket strike near the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and a coordinated drone attack on Saudi Arabia by Yemen's Iran-allied Houthi rebels.

On Wednesday, Bolton told journalists that there had been a previously unknown attempt to attack the Saudi oil port of Yanbu as well, which he also blamed on Iran. He described Tehran's decision to back away from its 2015 atomic deal with world powers as evidence it sought nuclear weapons, even though it came a year after America unilaterally withdrew from the unraveling agreement.

Bolton stressed the U.S. had not seen any further Iranian attacks in the time since, something he attributed to the recent military deployments—America recently sent an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers to the Persian Gulf. But he warned the U.S. would strike back if again attacked.

"The point is to make it very clear to Iran and its surrogates that these kinds of action risk a very strong response from the United States," Bolton threatened, without elaborating.

Bolton spoke before talks with Abu Dhabi's powerful crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. He declined to have his remarks recorded by journalists.

A longtime Iran hawk, Bolton blamed Tehran for the recent incidents, at one point saying it was "almost certainly" Iran that planted explosives on the four oil tankers off the UAE coast. He declined to offer any evidence for his claims.

"Who else would you think is doing it?" Bolton asked at one point when pressed. "Somebody from Nepal?"

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has repeatedly criticized Bolton as a warmonger. Abbas Mousavi, a spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry, said later Wednesday Bolton's remarks were a "ridiculous accusation."

Separately in Tehran, President Hassan Rouhani said that the "road is not closed" when it comes to talks with the U.S.—if America returns to the nuclear deal. However, the relatively moderate Rouhani faces increasing criticism from hard-liners and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei over the collapsing accord.

Off The Wall

Fugitive says he'll surrender if people like wanted poster

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—A Connecticut police department has reached a deal with a fugitive that would have him surrender if enough people respond to a wanted poster on social media, an agreement that at least one expert calls unethical.

Jose Simms, 29, who is believed to be somewhere in New York, has seven arrest warrants and is being sought as a fugitive after failing to appear in court on charges that range from breach of peace to risk of injury to a child.

Torrington police Lt. Brett Johnson posted on the department's Facebook page Wednesday that Sims had contacted him through the social media site and agreed to turn himself in if the post containing his poster gets 15,000 likes.

Johnson said he negotiated Simms down from 20,000 likes.

"It will be difficult but is doable," Johnson wrote.

He also suggested that if anyone knows where Simms is hiding they could let police know and save the department some suspense.

TORRINGTON POLICE
TORRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
WANTED
Failure to Appear 1st (53a-172) (4 warrants)
Failure to Appear 2nd (53a-173) (3 warrants)
(Photo provided by Torrington Police)
The Torrington Police Department is seeking any information on the whereabouts of:
JOSE SIMMS (29 Years old)
Simms is being sought for multiple Failure to Appear 1st and Failure to Appear 2nd warrants
ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF SIMMS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO:
Torrington Police Department 860-489-2007

This wanted poster released by the Torrington, Conn., Police Department on its Facebook page shows an undated booking photo of Jose Simms, a fugitive with seven arrest warrants being sought after failing to appear in court. AP

But Maki Haberfeld, an expert in police ethics and procedure at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said Simms is using social media to manipulate both the news media and police, who she said have no business negotiating a deal with a suspect, never mind one that involves likes on Facebook.

"It turns this into a joke," she said. "People will start looking at these various violations of law as a game."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Snake slithers out of toilet, bites Florida man on arm

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP)—Authorities say a ball python slithered out of a toilet and bit a South Florida man on the arm. Coral Springs police spokesman Chris Swinson said the man was treated at the scene after the 4-foot (1.2-meter) snake bit him when he lifted the toilet seat on Sunday morning. The snake is nonvenomous. Swinson told news outlets the snake didn't belong to the man and it was unclear how it got into the apartment. The South Florida SunSentinel reports the Coral Springs Humane Society took the snake to a veterinarian's office. It was being treated for a scale infection.

Someone breaks into home, takes nothing, gives it good scrub

MARLBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Whoever broke into a Massachusetts man's home last week didn't take a thing. They did, however, leave the house spotless. Nate Roman tells The Boston Globe that when he returned to his Marlborough home from work May 15, he could tell a stranger had been there. Nothing was missing, but the 44-year-old Roman noticed the beds were made, the rugs vacuumed and the toilets scrubbed. They even crafted origami roses on the toilet paper rolls. He called the experience "weird and creepy" and contacted police. Sgt. Daniel Campbell says that the department hasn't heard of similar episodes and that there are no suspects. Roman says he may have left his back door unlocked. He thinks perhaps a housekeeping service went to his home by mistake.

Thief must pay $28K to fix stolen 'Dukes of Hazzard' Sno-Cat

EAGLE, Colo. (AP)—A Colorado man has been ordered to pay more than $28,000 to cover damages after he pleaded guilty to stealing a Sno-Cat painted to look like the "General Lee" car featured in the TV series "The Dukes of Hazzard." The Vail Daily reports the owners of the Sno-Cat said Jason Cuervo damaged the tracks, axles and electrical system after stealing it last year. Authorities say Cuervo hitched a trailer holding the Sno-Cat to his pickup truck in Minturn and hauled it along Interstate 70 to Grand Junction. He was arrested a few weeks later at an auto shop. Cuervo blamed the crime on his opioid addiction and is serving three years in a community corrections program after pleading guilty to aggravated motor vehicle theft.

Van passenger impaled by tripod on California freeway

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Authorities say somebody stole a tripod from a California Department of Transportation crew and then dropped it from an overpass onto a Sacramento freeway, impaling the lung of a passenger in a van. The driver of the van, Tim Page, tells KCRA-TV that he was on Interstate 5 Thursday morning when the yellow-and-red tripod smashed through the glass. He says it went through his passenger's lung and popped out. The man survived but with broken ribs and a partially punctured lung. Authorities say a 32-year-old man they suspect threw the tripod was arrested on a warrant but may face a charge of attempted murder. Page volunteers with El Dorado Veteran Resources and had picked up his passenger, another veteran, from the airport.

Science & Technology

Facebook not deleting fake Pelosi video

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—When a doctored video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi—one altered to show the Democratic leader slurring her words—began making the rounds on Facebook last week, the social network didn't take it down. Instead, it "downranked" the video, a behind-the-scenes move intended to limit its spread.

Pelosi

That outraged some people who believe Facebook should do more to clamp down on misinformation. Pelosi derided Facebook Wednesday for not taking down the video even though it knows it is false.

But the company and some civil libertarians warn that Facebook could evolve into an unaccountable censor if it's forced to make judgment calls on the veracity of text, photos or videos.

Facebook has long resisted making declarations about the truthfulness of posts that could open it up to charges of censorship or political bias. It manages to get itself in enough trouble simply trying to enforce more basic rules in difficult cases, such as the time a straightforward application of its ban on nudity led it to remove an iconic Vietnam War photo of a naked girl fleeing a napalm attack. (It backed down after criticism from the prime minister of Norway, among others.)

But staying out of the line of fire is harder than it used to be, given Facebook's size, reach and impact on global society. The social network can't help but run into controversy given its 2.4 billion users and the sorts of decisions it must make daily—everything from which posts and links it highlights in your news feed to deciding what counts as hate speech to banning controversial figures or leaving them be.

Facebook has another incentive to keep its head down. The deeper it gets into editorial decisions, the more it looks like a publisher, which could tempt legislators to limit the liability shield it currently enjoys under federal law. In addition, making judgments about truth and falsity could quickly become one of the world's biggest headaches.

Endless tablet reboots may be a battery problem

TECH Q&A

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Q: I have two Galaxy Tab S2 tablet computers that continuously turn themselves on and off. I've tried many suggested solutions, including charging the battery, pressing the power and "volume up" buttons at the same time, and removing the tablet's cover (which contains a magnet.) A technician suggested that the tablets' circuit boards may be causing the problem. What can I do?

A: This problem is familiar to many owners of the Galaxy Tab S2, and is usually caused by the device's battery. (It's unlikely that both of your tablets have flawed circuit boards.)

The most effective solution appears to be temporarily disconnecting the tablet's battery, either physically or electronically. There's disagreement about exactly why that works, but there's apparently some benefit in draining the electrical charge from tablet components.

Physically disconnecting the battery is a slow process that requires small tools. This battery-replacement video (see tinyurl.com/y49wjoa7) shows how to disconnect one (you don't need to remove).

A simpler method is to use the Galaxy Tab S2's "soft reset" feature, which simulates disconnecting the battery. Hold down both the power (on-off) button and the "volume down" keys for about 45 seconds. This reset won't cause any loss of data.

If disconnecting the battery doesn't help, try clearing the tablet's cache memory (see solution two at tinyurl.com/y2btlf4n) or returning the device to its factory settings (see "Master reset with hardware keys" at tinyurl.com/y6nkspap). Note that the "master reset" will erase data stored in the tablet's memory, but won't affect data stored on either the tablet's SIM card (which connects a tablet to a wireless phone network) or its removable memory card.

Q: The hard disk on my Windows 7 PC is filling up fast, even though I download very little data. In a recent 10-day period, the available hard disk storage dropped by 13.5 gigabytes. As a result, I have only 19 gigabytes of available space left on my 1 terabyte (1,000 gigabyte) hard drive. My antivirus and Malwarebytes programs report no problems. What should I do?

A: You should check for several possible causes, such as malware, programs that save too much data or flaws in the software that monitors available disk space. Try these methods:

■ Make sure you are getting reliable information about potential malware activity. Restart your PC in "safe mode," run scans with your antivirus program and Malwarebytes, then restart the PC. (To enter safe mode, press the F8 key regularly as the PC starts up. In the resulting menu, choose either "safe mode" or "safe mode with networking." Press the "enter" key.)

■ See whether your PC's programs are storing too much unneeded data. Run the Windows "disk cleanup," program, which will list "temporary or cached" files, and tell you how much disk space could be saved by deleting them (see "Temporary and cached files" at tinyurl.com/y3uvbd6j).

■ Find out whether the software that monitors your hard disk is flawed. That could cause it to incorrectly report a shortage of hard disk space. Run a Windows program called "chkdsk" (check disk.) See "file system corruption" at the same Web address.

Life & Style

Kutcher testifies he knocked on slain woman's door in 2001

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Ashton Kutcher testified at a Los Angeles murder trial Wednesday that he went to pick up a 22-year-old fashion-design student to go out for drinks one night 18 years ago and left when she did not answer her door, only to learn the next day that she had been lying inside dead.

The actor said from the witness stand that he had kept Ashley Ellerin waiting for hours on Feb. 21, 2001, when he arrived at her Hollywood home, where he had been to a party about a week earlier.

"I knocked on the door and there was no answer," Kutcher said in the packed downtown courtroom during the trial of Michael Gargiulo, who is charged with killing Ellerin and another woman. "I knocked again, and once again, no answer. At this point I pretty well assumed she had left for the night, and that I was late, and she was upset."

Kutcher

Kutcher said he looked through the window and saw what he thought were wine stains on the floor, but did not find that alarming, and left.

"I remember the next day after I heard about what happened, I went to the detectives and said, 'My fingerprints are on the door,'" Kutcher testified. "I was freaking out."

Ellerin's roommate found her dead in the hallway outside her bathroom. Prosecutors allege Gargiulo, whom they called a "serial sexual-thrill killer," entered the house and stabbed Ellerin 47 times.

Gargiulo has pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder and one of attempted murder in attacks between 2001 and 2008. He is charged separately with killing an 18-year-old Glenview, Illinois, woman, and is awaiting trial there.

Kutcher, a 41-year-old veteran actor best known for his roles in the goofy sitcoms "That '70s Show" and "Two and a Half Men," is now a father of two married to actress Mila Kunis after divorcing first wife Demi Moore.

But he was testifying about a time nearly two decades earlier when he was a single man and star-on-the-rise after three seasons of "That '70s Show." He was coming off the hit movie comedy "Dude, Where's My Car?" and a series of starring film roles would follow.

Looking nothing like the shaggy, casual characters he has often played, Kutcher wore a blue linen suit with his hair short and a trimmed mustache as he gave 40 minutes of somber testimony in the courtroom of Judge Larry P. Fidler.

Called as a witness by prosecutors, Kutcher said he had recently reviewed the police report he had given the day after the killing, to refresh his memory. He was briefly cross-examined and his answers were not challenged.

Ellerin has been described as Kutcher's girlfriend, but he said Wednesday that she had been a casual acquaintance whom he had met a few months before at a party, and was going to take her out now that both were single.

Kutcher said he had called Ellerin in the afternoon from the set of "That '70s Show," where he had just finished rehearsing. He last spoke to her at about 8:30 p.m., when he said he was at a friend's house and she was just getting out of the shower.

He said he did not arrive at her house until about 10:45 p.m. He called her in the interim four times and could not reach her but assumed it was bad phone service.

"Eighteen years ago, cell service wasn't it what it was today," he said.

He said he did not leave messages every time he called.

"I was trying to take her on a date and didn't want to seem eager," Kutcher testified.

Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge offers new world at Disneyland

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)— Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge is on the same land as Disneyland, but stepping into the new attraction transports visitors to an entirely different world.

The theme park offered media a glimpse into Galaxy's Edge on Wednesday. The exclusive tour included a Star Wars-themed food tasting, a stroll through the Black Spire Outpost marketplace and four-minute ride on the Millennium Falcon.

A firsthand look took place a couple days before Galaxy's Edge opens at the California theme park on Friday. That's when guests with a pre-reservation can experience the largest single-themed land created in a Disney park.

Disney officials said it took more the five years to develop and finish the attraction.

"I'm very excited about being this close to inviting guests and our biggest fans to join us at the edge of the galaxy," said Scott Trowbridge, portfolio creative executive and studio leader at Walt Disney Imagineering. He spoke in front of the First Order TIE echelon spaceship.

"We had the fans in mind the whole time," he said. "We've been able to kind of open it up to them and invite them to kind of join us on this remote outpost planet."

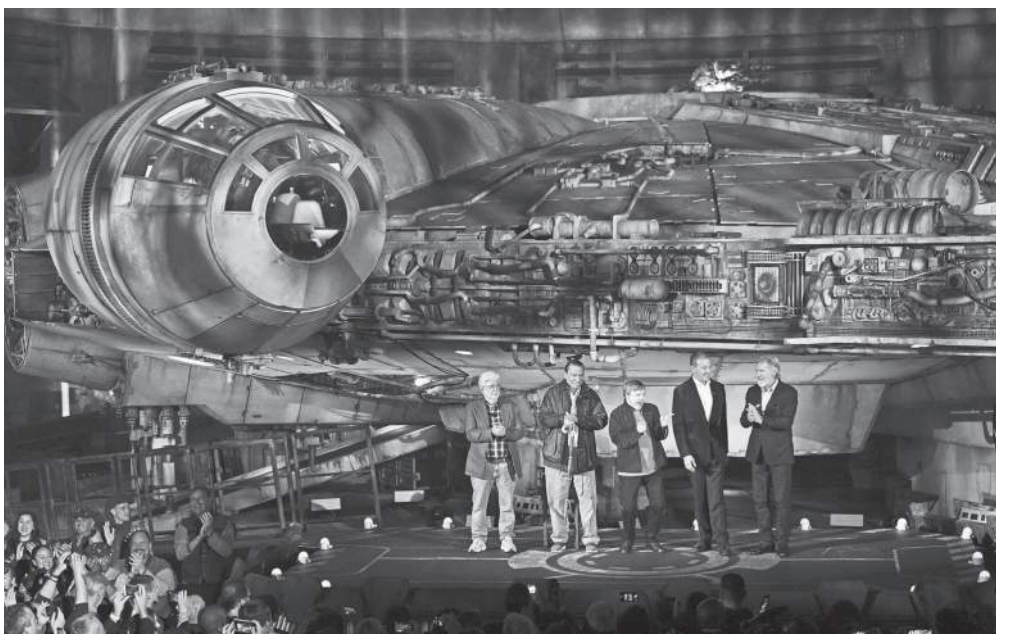
Disney christened the land Wednesday night with a firework display and an assembly of some of biggest names in the "Star Wars" universe: creator George Lucas and actors Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Billy Dee Williams.

Galaxy's Edge is an adventure through the grungy planet Batuu, a remote world in the newest "Star Wars" trilogy, and the fight between the Resistance and the evil First Order. The sprawling 14-acre land has three different areas including the Resistance, First Order and the Village.

Guests can build their own droids and lightsabers and interact with aliens . They can also step into the cockpit of the Millennium Falcon, the exact replica of the ship from the films, measuring more than 100 feet long. The interactive experience allows a team of six people to operate the spacecraft during the interactive experience.

Some familiar faces including Rey, Finn, Kylo Ren and fan-favorite Chewbacca will be a part of the adventure as visitors explore the immersive world.

Guests can take a swig of the same kind of blue milk that made an appearance with Luke Skywalker in "Star Wars: A New Hope." The dairy-free milk is a frozen blend with dashes of citrus taste.


From left, "Star Wars" film franchise creator George Lucas, cast members Billy Dee Williams and Mark Hamill, Walt Disney Co. chair and CEO Bob Iger and cast member Harrison Ford stand in front of the Millennium Falcon starship during a dedication ceremony for the new Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge attraction at Disneyland Park, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in Anaheim, Calif. AP

Disneyland was the second most popular theme park in the world last year with 18.6 million visitors. It is second only to Disney World in Florida, where a version of Galaxy's Edge is scheduled to open Aug. 29.

Mom fears teenage son is headed for heartbreak

DEAR ABBY: I am very close to my 19-year-old son. He is kind, sweet and big-hearted. He has learning disabilities and the maturity level of probably a 15- or 16-year-old. Naturally, I am protective of him. He had one girlfriend during his senior year, and when they broke up after four months, he was beyond devastated. Since then he constantly talks about how lonely he is and his desire to be in a relationship.

About a week ago, he told me he likes a woman from his work. They went out on a couple of dates and, come to find out, she's 33 and has three kids (9, 7 and 8 months old). He told me she asked him if he wanted to be in a serious relationship or just be friends with benefits. He told her he wanted something serious, and I guess she agreed.

Abby, this woman is taking advantage of my son! What would a woman that age want with a kid? This is a complicated nightmare, and I do not want my son involved with her. I'm convinced she's using him, and once she is over it, she will break his heart. It took him a long time to get over his high school sweetheart, and I was seriously worried about his mental well-being. Is there anything I can do to stop this train wreck?

I have talked to him about my concerns, but it didn't accomplish anything. I told him I want to meet her, and they agreed. I'm nervous because I know I need to refrain from telling her how I really feel. Any suggestions?

PROTECTIVE MOM

DEAR MOM: Not all romances are guaranteed to last, as most adults find out after they enter the dating scene. At 19—learning disabilities or not—your son is considered to be an adult. Part of becoming one is experiencing life with all of its joys and disappointments.

You cannot protect your son from sadness or predict how his relationships will turn out. Let him know that you are supportive of him always. Then, when you meet this woman, be warm and befriend her. Get to know her so you can communicate with her without her becoming defensive. You will gain nothing by seeming hostile.

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DEAR ABBY: About 12 years ago, I found out my dad isn't really my father. It didn't change how I felt about him, and I wasn't interested in meeting my biological father.

Dad died a couple of weeks ago. During the memorial service, I ended my emotional tribute to him by saying that even though he wasn't my bio father, he was still my "Dad," and the love and memories I have of him mean more than any blood ties to my bio father.

My brother and one of my sisters had no problem with me saying this. My other sister, however, was very upset with me. She said letting church members know he wasn't my bio father was disrespectful. She was the only one who criticized me. Was I disrespectful, and was my sister correct in chastising me?

LOVED MY DAD

DEAR LOVED: The eulogy you gave for your dad was beautiful, and it came from the heart. It was in no way disrespectful and you did nothing wrong. Your sister should not have criticized you the way she did, but when there is a death in the family, emotions sometimes run high.

DEAR ABBY
By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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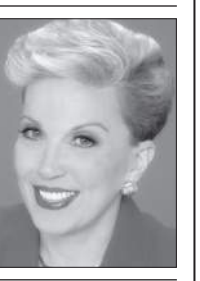

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

POOF POOF POOF POOF POOF
OK, (POOF)... I THINK WE'VE GOT ENOUGH OF A HEAD START. WE CAN REST A MINUTE.
DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM HAS SEEN THE CAR BY NOW?
PROBABLY. SHES PROBABLY CALLED DAD AT WORK, AND HE'S PROBABLY ON HIS WAY HOME NOW!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

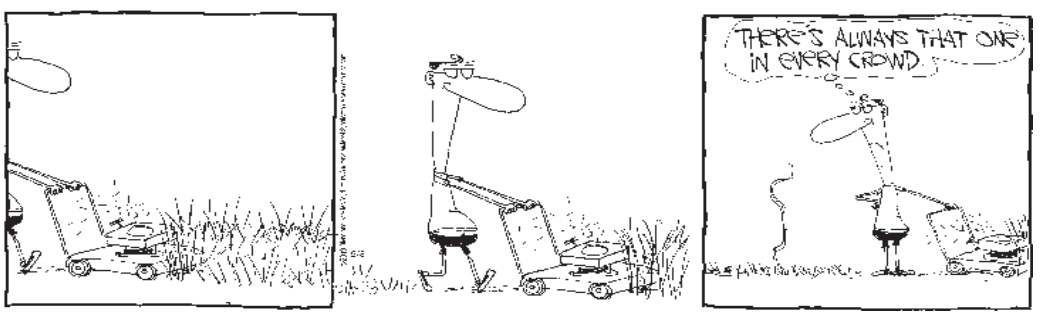
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

I THINK KATY'S LOSING IT.
I KNOW. I NEED TO FINISH THIS PROJECT, BUT THEN LET'S GO DO SOMETHING.
MAYBE BOWLING? DAVE AND BUSTERS?
I THINK WE'RE PAST THAT.
THE RAIN DOTH FALL UPON MY SOUL... IT DARKENS.. FORSOOTH!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Fireplace residue
4 Height of fashion?
7 "Serpico" director
12 Scary cry
13 Oklahoma city
14 Sports venue
15 Takes too much, briefly
16 First-rate
18 Mafia boss
19 "Once upon —"
20 Send forth
22 Author Umberto
23 Hardly hirsute
27 Do sums
29 Composer Prokofiev
31 New Zealand native
34 Daydreamer Walter
35 Hansel's sister
37 Center
38 Round Table titles
39 Jargon suffix
41 Winds up
45 Michelangelo masterpiece
47 Have the flu
48 First-rate
52 Bikini top
53 Worth
54 Samovar
55 Slugger Mel
56 Brownstone feature
57 "The Bells" author
58 "See ya!"

DOWN

1 Home
2 Sin city
3 Egypt's Mubarak
4 "Funny!"
5 Redacted
6 Wizardry
7 Chantilly, e.g.
8 Web address
9 "Give — break!"
10 Em halves
11 Prof's helpers
17 Med. plan options
21 Small fruit pies
23 Illegal payment
24 Literary rep
25 Allow
26 Hobbyist's abbr.
28 Conk out
30 Outback bird
31 Brit. sports cars
32 Onassis nickname
33 Not 'neath
36 "Star Wars" royal
37 Straight, for short
40 Clinch
42 Mogul
43 Begrimed
44 Roofing material
45 Get ready, briefly
46 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
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49 Feedbag bit
50 Mideast org.
51 Pair with an air

Solution time: 25 mins.

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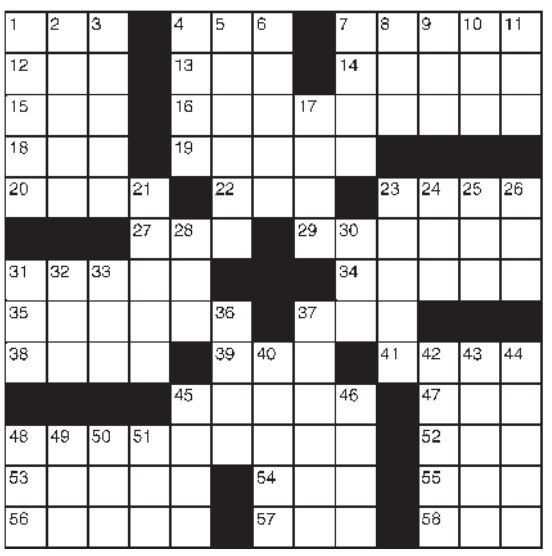

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Colin Farrell, 43; Brooke Shields, 54; Tom Berenger, 70; Clint Eastwood, 89.

Happy Birthday: Learn, apply and benefit from the procedure. Look for quality over quantity, and protect against anyone trying to sell you a bill of goods. Do your own negotiating, and be staunch about what you want and how you want to go about getting it. Run the show instead of being an accomplice or participant. Live life your way. Your numbers are 4, 9, 15, 27, 32, 38, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Channel your energy and your emotions into something constructive. How you handle others will make a difference to the way you are treated in return. Learn by watching others and asking questions. A short trip or meeting will lead to an opportunity. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Make the most of your day. Take pride in the way you look and how well you take care of your health. Make a positive change that will enhance your attitude as well as your stamina. An intelligent investment will be profitable. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Pay attention to details, and be articulate in the way you promote what you have to offer. Show off your expertise, but don't overstate facts if you aren't able to follow through. Stick to the truth; the right opportunity will unfold. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Work with others to accomplish more. Have a plan, and don't stop until you reach your objective. The changes that take place will bring you satisfaction as well as praise. Plan something romantic for the evening hours. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Get involved in something that matters to you in order to make a difference. Think big, but don't go overboard. Use intelligence to gauge what's doable. Handle an emotional situation carefully to avoid discord. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Distance yourself from anyone who overreacts or tends to exaggerate or mislead you. Personal improvements can be made if you stick to a healthy and active routine. Socializing with friends or relatives will be informative and motivating. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Stop and think before you take on someone or something that could be difficult. Handle demanding or forceful individuals with intelligence. Confusion while traveling is likely. Map out your route before you begin. Don't believe everything you hear. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Visit a destination or individual that will inspire you to expand your awareness or to challenge yourself creatively. A relationship with someone you find unique will motivate you to try something new. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Listen carefully, but when it comes to making a decision, rely on what you know, not what you hear. Stick to the truth, and offer only what you know you can supply. Too much of anything will end up being a problem. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Fix up your place. Spend more time with someone you love. Physical activity will bring good results. Your determination coupled with a solid plan will pay off. Romance is in the stars and will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Say what's on your mind, and be ready to take on a project that will expand your awareness. Be aware of what others are contributing, but don't feel you have to keep up. Gauge your time, and stick to a budget. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take note of what's being said, and verify the information you are given before you take action. Once you know what's entailed and what's expected of you, it will be easier for you to determine the time and cost involved. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are opportunistic, intelligent and expressive. You are productive and active.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/31

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0252
ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS, Deceased.	NOTICE OF HEARING Date: July 18, 2019 Time: 9:00 am Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho

TO ANNIE R. TOKYO AND MELINDA T. HOSSAIN, ALL HEIRS, AND INTERESTED PARTIES: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hilda V. Rios has filed a Response to in the above-titled matter. The hearing on the Evidentiary Hearing is scheduled to be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this day 13th of May , 2019.

/s/_____
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

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CNMI GOVERNMENT
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TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Message: The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to the Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that a **Preliminary Hearing** is scheduled for **June 4, 2019 (Tuesday), beginning at 9:00am**, at the Honorable Vicente T. Seman Building, Department of Correction Facility, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. The following individual (s) will appear before the Hearing Examiner.

I. Parolee

1.	NICOLAS V. CABRERA	Cr. Cs. No.: 15-0021 A	BOP No.: 18-010
2.	ETHAN T. CALVO	Cr. Cs. No.: 17-0025	BOP No.: 18-018

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-33012.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
BOP Chairman

5/30/2019
Date

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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI's DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Date: May 31, 2019

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination request from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA), Region IX, regarding the repair and new construction of private homes on Saipan and Tinian under the Permanent Housing Construction Program. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/FEMA_IHP_PHC_05302019.pdf.

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Warriors plan to throw everything at Kawhi

TORONTO (AP)—Draymond Green believes he's the best defensive player in basketball. Klay Thompson sought inclusion on the NBA's all-defensive team for years. Andre Iguodala, even at 35 years old, can still neutralize just about any opponent.

Golden State has some big-time defenders, without question.

And they all respect Kawhi Leonard's offensive game.

They will probably all get a turn at guarding Toronto's best player at some point during the NBA Finals, whether the assignment is by design or just sort of happens organically when defenders get switched during a Raptors possession. When the title series starts on Thursday night, the biggest key for the Warriors will likely be slowing down Leonard—the dominant player so far in this postseason.

"He's been playing amazing this whole playoff run and really all season," Warriors star Stephen Curry said. "He's always at his own pace, and never seems to get rushed or be in a hurry. He's obviously physically gifted and strong. He can get to his spots, but he's become a really good shooter. Off the dribble, getting to a spot, rising up. ... But we have some capable—beyond capable—defenders to guard him."

Those capabilities will be tested.

The only thing that has slowed Leonard in these playoffs was the flu, which he was dealing with when he shot 5 for 19 in Game 3 against Orlando. Not even a leg injury has been able to derail Leonard. He's averaged 31.2 points in the playoffs, along with 8.8 rebounds and 3.8 assists while shooting 51 percent.

The numbers he's put up so far in the playoffs compare to what LeBron James in his last four playoff runs with Cleveland.

The East isn't owned by James anymore.

For now, it belongs to Leonard and the Raptors—who'll take their turn in the role James has held, facing Golden State for a title. The Warriors' primary task in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 was slowing James. This year, slowing Leonard is the priority. And he's been boning up on film, trying to figure out what he can do to maximize his chances.

"I think it just really comes down to being smart and just being in those situations before and just knowing what's going to happen," Leonard said. "Going through years of playing and seeing defensive schemes or offensive schemes and watching film and seeing how they guarded other guys or me in the past."

Leonard hasn't faced Green since May 14, 2017—Game 1 of the Western Conference finals that year between the Warriors and San Antonio, the game where the Spurs were up big and Leonard had 26 points in the third quarter and was generally unguardable. And then Zaza Pachulia closed out on him, got his foot under Leonard's on a jumper, creating an awkward landing that knocked Leonard out for the rest of that series.

Iguodala and Thompson have seen Leonard once since, that being back in November, a game in Toronto where the Raptors' star scored 37. He made his first six shots that night, the first four of them when the Warriors matched Damion Jones against Leonard. By the time the fourth shot fell, Jones just put his head back in mock disbelief. It wasn't like he wasn't trying. He just didn't have the capability to stop him.

It'll be a different approach on Thursday night.

"I would say they're going to probably do something similar to what we're going to do," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "There are a lot of bodies that can guard a lot of different people. I think you are going to see a lot of different people."

Green said Leonard doesn't dominate games in the same way that James, or Curry, or still-injured Warriors star Kevin Durant, or Portland's Damian Lillard can when they get rolling.

It wasn't a knock. Green insisted Leonard's style is just as effective.

"Kawhi didn't come into this league as a scorer, yet he's one of the best scorers we have in the league now," Green said. "It just doesn't look the same, but the results are the same and/or better. He's really worked to get to where he is today."

Thompson also tipped his cap to Leonard, saying he's MVP-caliber. And Iguodala went a step further, saying the Warriors have to be ready to "throw the whole kitchen at him."

"He's kind of got a different game than anybody," Iguodala said. "He's very unique with his strength, with his quickness, being able to explode to the basket but also being a threat from the perimeter. He's pretty much got it all.

Meanwhile, Jeremy Lin, a backup guard with the Raptors, added to the lore of Curry Wednesday during media day at the NBA Finals.

Lin and Curry played together for Golden State during the 2010-11 season, and Lin shared a story about the Warriors star.

The Warriors were out of contention for the playoffs heading into the last game of the season when, according to Lin, Curry was suffering from a sprained ankle.

"He rolled his ankle the game before and everyone was like, 'Don't play. We're not playing for anything, you're risking it, you already injured your ankle a bunch of times,' " said Lin, a backup point guard on that team. "And so for me, I was excited in terms of getting an opportunity to play because they had called me up back then from D League and so I was getting excited to play."

Getting excited too quickly, it turned out.

"I was expecting to start and then they were like, 'Actually, Steph might play tonight,' " Lin said. "And I was like, 'What?' I didn't even know he was healthy enough. So he had to play through a lot of pain."

AP

Toronto Raptors' Kawhi Leonard shoots past Milwaukee Bucks' Brook Lopez during the second half of Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball playoff finals Thursday, May 23, 2019, in Milwaukee.

AD will keep talking to Pelicans, may still ask for trade

NEW ORLEANS—The New Orleans Pelicans and Anthony Davis haven't gone their separate ways just yet. Davis met with Pelicans new executive vice president David Griffin on Wednesday, and the two sides are expected to keep talking during the offseason.

Despite the meeting, another report from The Athletic makes it sound like Davis will still seek a trade.

Davis' future with the franchise has been murky for a few months now. The 26-year-old was considered a major trade chip at the deadline this season, though no deal got done. Davis then sat out portions of the second half of the season, and showed up to the team's final game wearing a shirt that read, "That's all folks." It wasn't hard to figure out Davis wanted to be traded.

The offseason, however, offered hope that Davis could change his mind. Despite long odds, the Pelicans received the top pick in the NBA draft. The team is expected to select Duke big man Zion Williamson.

While Davis might see himself playing for another team soon, the prospect of playing with Williamson could be tantalizing. It will be up to Griffin—who was hired in April—to convince Davis that things will be different next season. The team hasn't explored deals for Davis yet this offseason, according to Wojnarowski.

Davis is entering the final year of his contract, and will command a massive deal if he hits the market. Until then, the Pelicans will attempt to do everything within their power to keep Davis around.

Lakers likely to land Davis

Cheer up, Los Angeles Lakers fans, things will be better in the offseason. Ignore all the drama surrounding Magic Johnson, Rob Pelinka and Heath Ledger and focus on the fact that your team is the favorite to land Anthony Davis this offseason.

At least, that's what one oddsmaker believes. Sportsbetting.ag lists the Lakers as a slight favorite over both the New Orleans Pelicans and Boston Celtics for Davis.

How close is it? Well, the Lakers are listed at plus-100 to open the 2019-20 season with Davis. The Pelicans and Celtics are both plus-200. The New York Knicks are the only other team with odds to land Davis. They are listed at plus-400.

While Lakers fans should feel good about that, the odds are all close enough that they shouldn't feel confident. Davis could easily wind up back with the Pelicans. The team could opt to just hold onto him, or he could have a change of heart after the team selects Williamson with the No. 1 pick in the draft.

Throughout the season, the Lakers were heavily tied to Davis in trade talks. LeBron James has been vocal about his desire to play with Davis in the past, and those comments fueled the talks.

In the end, that may have come back to bite the Lakers. Negotiations between both sides reportedly got ugly, and leaks threatened the Lakers' chemistry for a large portion of the season.

The offseason presents both teams with an opportunity to rekindle talks. This time around, the Lakers might be more desperate to get it done. Landing Davis and another superstar to pair with James would immediately make them major contenders in the Western Conference.

After missing out on the playoffs this season, the Lakers need to do whatever they can to get back.

Harper leads homer-happy Phillies past Cards

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Bryce Harper lost his helmet somewhere on the basepath as he bulldozed his way from a lazy hit into a hard-charging, head-first, hair-flowing double.

Harper's homers continue to wow the crowd. Harper's hustle may be more fun to watch.

"I think that type of effort-level is uncommon in a superstar of Bryce's caliber," Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said. "It's not often you see that combination of talent, grit, determination and all-out, 100% hustle."

Harper hit his 10th homer , his 200th career double and drove in four before fouling a ball off his foot and exiting in the fifth inning, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the St. Louis Cardinals 11-4 following a rain delay Wednesday night.

The hot-hitting Harper had his second straight multihit, multi-RBI game against the Cardinals. He drove a two-run homer to left-center in the third and followed an inning later with a two-run hustle a double. Harper hit a chopper that rolled into right—and he kept motoring. He slid head-first to beat the tag and slapped his hands in celebration of the milestone hit.

"It was kind of a weak-kind of hit," Harper said. "I was going to try and get out of the box as quick as possible."

He had three hits when he left the game in the fifth inning after he fouled a ball off his right foot and the Phillies ahead by 10 runs. Harper said it was a precautionary move with the Phillies leading big and a day game ahead on Thursday.

Aaron Nola (6-0) struck out eight over seven innings, a needed lift to save a bullpen depleted by injuries. Scott Kingery and Maikel Franco hit back-to-back homers in the fifth, and Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run shot two batters later to blow the game open.

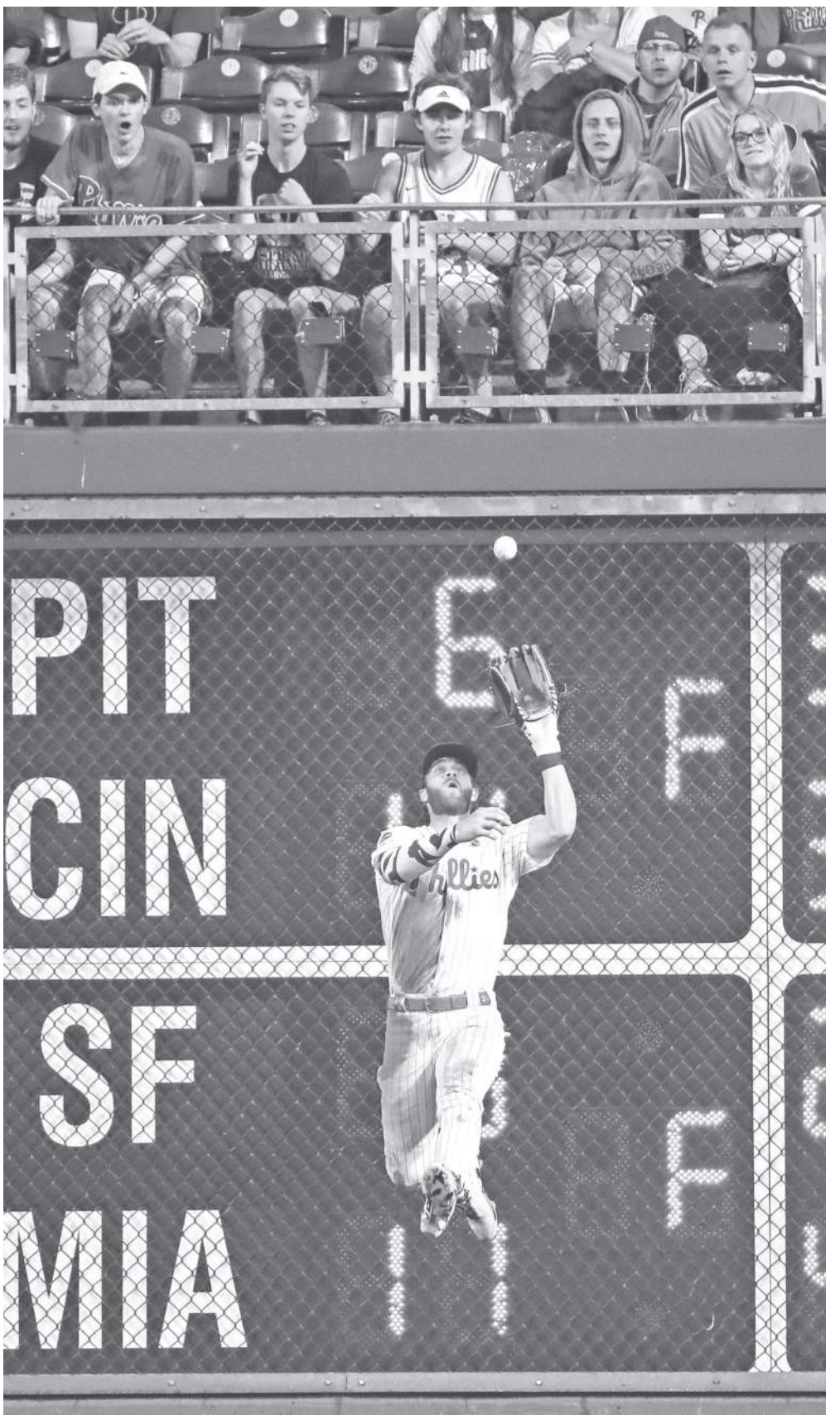
The Phillies played Genesis' "I Can't Dance" when the Cardinals took batting practice, and Genesis Cabrera quickly proved he was in too deep in his major league debut. The biggest smash hit? Harper crushed a no-doubt shot in the third that had the fans that waited out a 1-hour, 39-minute rain delay roaring as he rounded the bases.

Cabrera had already fallen into a hole in the first because of a stunning miscue in right field by Dexter Fowler. With runners on first and second, Rhys Hoskins hit a routine pop that Fowler stabbed at and missed . Cesar Hernandez made the Cardinals pay with a two-run single for the 2-0 lead. Fowler was with Colorado when he famously misplayed a ball in a gusty wind in Philly in the 2009 division series. Ten years later, the park still gives him fits.

Harper hit his 200th career double—he's on pace for 50-plus this season—in the fourth inning, and the rout was underway.

"Every night we go out there, we do something special as a team," Harper said.

Michael Wacha, who lost his spot in the rotation to Cabrera, had his rough season hit a new low.



AP

Philadelphia Phillies right fielder Bryce Harper catches a ball hit by St. Louis Cardinals' Paul Goldschmidt during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in Philadelphia.

Cubs 2, Astros 1

In Houston, Kyle Hendricks pitched eight strong innings, Kyle Schwarber homered for the second straight game and Kris Bryant added a solo shot in his return to the lineup to help the Cubs avoid a sweep.

The game included a scary and jarring moment when a young fan was hit by a foul line drive off the bat of Albert Almora Jr. in the fourth inning. The Astros did not provide an immediate update on the girl's condition, though a photo taken by The Associated Press appeared to show her conscious and crying as she was quickly whisked away and nearby fans looked on.

Almora, the Cubs' center fielder, and other players from both teams were visibly shaken up by the scene.

Indians 14, Red Sox 9

In Boston, Carlos Santana homered and hit Cleveland's first triple of the season, Greg Allen added a pair of three-baggers and the Indians pounded out a season-high 18 hits in a win over the the Red Sox.

Santana, who finished a single shy of the cycle, was 3 for 4 with five RBIs as Cleveland matched its season best for runs.

Jose Ramirez had two doubles and two RBIs. Allen and Kevin Plawecki also drove in two runs apiece for the Indians, who won two of three against the World Series champions in Boston.

The Indians, shut out over the first seven innings Tuesday night before rallying with seven runs over the last two for a 7-5 win, scored at least once in each of the first seven innings Wednesday.

Angels 12, Athletics 7

In Oakland, Gold Glove first baseman Matt Olson made a rare throwing error in the 11th inning to allow the go-ahead run to score and Los Angeles beat the Athletics.

Mike Trout was rested a day after fouling a ball off the top of his right foot.

Noé Ramírez (2-0) retired six batters to win. César Puello had three hits, including his first career home run, and drove in four runs.

Puello was hit by a pitch from Lou Trivino (2-1) leading off the 11th and moved to second on a wild pitch. After Brian Goodwin walked, Luis Rengifo attempted to sacrifice both runners over.

Pirates 7, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Josh Bell tied Pittsburgh's record with his 12th homer in May, and the Pirates stopped Derek Dietrich's home run spree in beating the Reds for a split of the teams' four-game series.

Bell's three-run homer tied Jason Bay's mark from May 2006. His 23rd extra-base hit in May left him one shy of Paul Waner's club record for any month. He had three hits, raising his average to .345 with 18 homers overall.

Colin Moran also had a three-run shot off Anthony DeSclafani (2-3), who has given up seven homers in his last three starts.

Yankees 7, Padres 0

In New York, DJ LeMahieu and Luke Voit jolted rookie Chris Paddack with instant home runs, James Paxton pitched four hitless innings in his return from the injured list and the Yankees beat San Diego.

Gio Urshela also connected off Paddack, Gleyber Torres hit a late homer and Voit added his first big league triple as the Yankees won their eighth straight series.

San Diego didn't get a hit until the sixth when Wil Myers' blooper bounced out of LeMahieu's glove as he drifted out from second base.

Tigers 4, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Brandon Dixon hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the ninth inning to lead Detroit past Baltimore.

The Tigers took two of the three games and won their first road series since April 1-3 against the Yankees.

Orioles reliever Mychal Givens allowed a solo homer to John Hicks that tied the game 2-2 in the eighth.

Nicholas Castellanos walked to lead off the ninth and Dixon followed with a two-run shot off Branden Kline (1-2).

Nick Ramirez (1-0) didn't allow a hit over three innings of relief. Shane Greene gave up a two-out double to Stevie Wilkerson in the ninth but still picked up his 18th save.

Marlins 4, Giants 2

In Miami, Jorge Alfaro had a career-high four hits and the Marlins handed the San Francisco Giants their seventh consecutive loss.

Neil Walker had a tiebreaking, pinch-hit double in the seventh and Starlin Castro hit the first triple of the season for the Marlins, who have won nine of 12.

San Francisco's Madison Bumgarner (3-5) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings.

Brandon Belt hit his eighth home run of the season and drove in both runs for the Giants.

White Sox 8, Royals 7

In Chicago, although he didn't think the Royals were throwing at him intentionally, Tim Anderson still took pleasure in scoring a measure of revenge.

Six innings after being beaned with a pitch from Kansas City starter Glenn Sparkman, Anderson doubled in the go-ahead run in the eighth, lifting the Chicago White Sox to a victory over the Royals.

José Abreu hit a three-run homer, Yoán Moncada also connected and the White Sox swept a three-game series for the first time this season.

Rays 4, Blue Jays 3

In Florida, All Willy Adames had to do in the 11th inning was hit the ball through or over five infielders for Tampa Bay to beat Toronto.

Adames delivered a long single, driving in the winning run as the Rays beat the Blue Jays.

"I really wanted that at-bat and they gave it to me," said Adames, who blamed himself for not making a play that had led to a Toronto run five innings earlier. "I was trying to hit it deep, get it up in the air and make sure that (pinch-runner Andrew Velazquez) was able to score."

Rangers 8, Mariners

In Seattle, the Texas Rangers had a reliable scouting report on the division-rival Mariners.

"I think that their bullpen has a lot of talent, but they're having a little bit of trouble putting matchups together," shortstop Elvis Andrus said.

When Seattle took the ball away from starter Wade LeBlanc on Wednesday, the Rangers knew things could soon get interesting — and they were right.

Texas rallied twice late during a close win that featured four lead changes, two blown saves and yet another brutal day defensively for the Mariners, who committed three errors and a wild pitch in one inning

‘Super old’ Federer advances to third round

AP
Switzerland’s Roger Federer plays a shot against Germany’s Oscar Otte during their second round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer, 37, joked to a stadium filled with screaming kids that he’s “so super old.”

Stan Wawrinka, 34, pulled a crying boy out of a crush of autograph-seekers in the stands.

Rafael Nadal, about to turn 33, offered this advice to youngsters at his match who might be pondering a tennis career: “The main thing is, don’t think about winning Roland Garros.”

Schools in France are closed on Wednesdays, bringing out a louder brand of fan to the French Open, and that trio of past champions of the clay-court major seemed to appreciate the adulation from the little ones who attended their straight-set victories. Fitting, too, perhaps, that Federer advanced to a third-round meeting against 20-year-old Casper Ruud, someone so much his junior that the guy’s father was in the field when Federer made his debut in Paris in 1999.

“I know probably more about his dad,” Federer said, “than about him.”

Federer, the tournament’s 2009 champion who hadn’t been in the field in four years, will be playing his third opponent in a row who is 25 or younger, after beating 144th-ranked Oscar Otte, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in the second round.

Now the 20-time major champion takes on Ruud, a Norwegian ranked 63rd. He is coached by his father, Christian, who told Casper he once practiced with Federer, although they never played.

“Ever since I can remember, I’ve been watching Roger on TV,” said Ruud, who knocked off 29th-seeded Matteo Berrettini, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Then came this admission from Ruud: “To be honest, I’ve been a little bit more of a Rafa fan and Rafa guy.”

Better hope no one tells Roger.

Still, even if he always has preferred Nadal, Ruud described what comes next this way: “I’m playing one of the greatest champions ever of this sport on Friday, so I’m just super excited for it. I can play loose and free.”

Wawrinka, the winner in 2015 and the runner-up two years later, also had no trouble against a much younger foe Wednesday, eliminating 22-year-old Cristian Garin, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Afterward, Wawrinka came to the rescue of one of his tiniest fans, lifting him away from danger and offering a towel as a keepsake.

“I took him out of that mess a little bit,” Wawrinka said. “He was in pain and sad.”

Owner of three Grand Slam titles in all, Wawrinka will bring his signature backhand into what shapes up as a more competitive matchup against two-time major semifinalist Grigor Dimitrov, who eliminated 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3 over nearly 4½ hours.

Nadal’s form hadn’t been up to his usual standards during much of the clay season: This was the first time since 2004 that he entered May without a title for the year.

But he looked good while taking the title at the Italian Open this month, including a victory over Novak Djokovic in the final, and he’s been close to untouchable so far as he seeks a record-extending 12th trophy in Paris.

His latest tour de force was a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 win over 114th-ranked Yannick Maden, a qualifier from Germany. OK, so Nadal hasn’t really faced much of a test yet. Still, he is displaying the court-covering, ball-walloping style he has perfected, which could come in handy when he plays 2016 French Open quarterfinalist David Goffin in the third round.

“I don’t like the word ‘easy,’ because when you win, it always looks easier,” Nadal said. “I can say (I had) a comfortable victory. I have been in control most all the time. And that’s the only thing that really matters.”

While plenty of the sport’s big names still dot the men’s bracket, the women’s field keeps seeing top players depart.

On Wednesday, No. 4 seed Kiki Bertens, a 2016 semifinalist and considered a contender for her first major title, quit during the first set of her match against Viktoria Kuzmova because she was sick.

Tears filled Bertens’ eyes as she described waking up at 3 a.m., feeling ill.

“Vomiting. Diarrhea. All night long, all day long. I felt a little bit better before the match. I had some sleep, and I just wanted to give it a try,” she said. “But then as soon as I start warming up right before the match, it started again. There was not any energy left.”

Bianca Andreescu, an 18-year-old Canadian who was seeded 22nd, pulled out before her match against 20-year-old American Sonia Kenin, citing an injured right shoulder that sidelined her from March until this week. Kenin will face the winner of Thursday’s match between Serena Williams and Japanese qualifier Kurumi Nara.

Bertens and Andreescu join two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova, who withdrew before her first match because of an arm injury, and former No. 1s Angelique Kerber and Caroline Wozniacki, who both lost in the first round.

Tiger closer to Snead than Nicklaus at Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—Winning the Masters gave Tiger Woods his 15th major and allowed him to resume the pursuit of Jack Nicklaus and his 18 majors.

It moved him even closer to another record that Rory McIlroy believes should get more attention.

Woods now is at 81 career victories on the PGA Tour, one short of the official record — as official as the tour can determine—that Sam Snead set from 1936 to 1965.

“Especially this day and age, I think it’s more impressive than his major tally,” McIlroy said Wednesday ahead of the Memorial. “Eighty-two wins ... if you’re around for 20 years, that’s four a year, every year. It’s very, very impressive. I think if you’re winning multiple times a year, you’re doing pretty well. So to have the average that he’s had—eight-win seasons, nine-win seasons—if he does pass that record of Snead’s ... it’s almost more impressive than the 15.”

Woods is a five-time winner at the Memorial, and the most recent victory at Muirfield Village (2012) was significant because it was his 73rd title on the PGA Tour, which tied him with Nicklaus for second on the career list.

What to expect from him this year remains a mystery.

He looked like the Woods of old when he won at Augusta National by hitting all the right shots and letting everyone around him make the mistakes. A month later, without having played since the Masters, he missed the cut at Bethpage Black in the PGA Championship.

Woods attributed his lack of play to the emotional toll of winning the Masters —it had been 11 years since his last major—and to being sick during the three days of practice rounds at Bethpage Black, which limited him to nine holes.

He rarely misses the Memorial except for injury or the death of his father in 2006, and Woods wants to start getting his game in gear with the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach just two weeks away.

He played the pro-am Wednesday with retired NFL great Peyton Manning, who knows about returning from injury to win the big one.

“I think the most impressive thing is how he’s been able to adjust and be adapted to playing in a new physical state,” said Manning, who returned from a neck injury to win a Super Bowl with the Denver Broncos. “That’s kind of what I did. To use a baseball analogy, I couldn’t throw the 100 mph fastball anymore, but you could still work the outside edges of the plate. You could still strike a guy out that way. He struck a lot of guys out. He came home with the win.”

The fastball in golf is power, and that never hurts around Muirfield Village, especially in a week when the course is expected to be softened by storms.

Woods said he feels refreshed after the PGA Championship and now needs to get in competitive rounds in his final start before the U.S. Open. He was at Pebble Beach last week for a day of practice in damp conditions, having not seen the course since 2012 in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, where he closed with a 75 to tie for 15th.

As for 82 victories?

Woods had had 10 seasons of five victories or more—only Vijay Singh and Nick Price have had more than five wins in any season over the last 25 years. Woods had 79 victories in 18 years and then was slowed by back surgeries to the point where he nearly didn’t return at all.

“To get into those numbers, it takes longevity and hot years,” Woods said. “I think you need multiple winning seasons. You need to do that for decades. That’s something I’m proud of. That’s not something that happens overnight. To be able to come this close to get to one behind Sam Snead has been pretty amazing.”

Snead compiled his victories before the modern PGA Tour began in 1970, when the schedule was unwieldy and there was not always agreement on what should constitute an official victory. His tally includes five team events, an 18-hole event and one year at Pebble Beach when it was a four-way tie with no playoff.

Snead long believed his total should have been 89 before the PGA Tour took some away during a research project by a nine-person panel.

World Cup win to boost equal pay fight

WASHINGTON—So about the elephant in the room. About that massive story, just kind of sitting there in plain sight, yet also going largely unacknowledged and unaddressed. About that equal pay fight the United States women's national team is locked into with the U.S. Soccer Federation, while the former is about to represent the latter in France in its title defense at the Women's World Cup.

About all of that.

The women's national team's lawsuit against U.S. Soccer, filed on March 8, is ongoing. On May 6, the federation filed its answers and affirmative responses. And in the meantime, new-ish U.S. Soccer president Carlos Cordeiro has been trying to soften the ground for a compromise.

The standoff has gone on for several years, with the players demanding as much money as the senior men's national team gets, while U.S. Soccer maintains that different pay structures and collective bargaining agreements make apples-to-apples comparisons impossible. But now the federation and its female stars will work together to claim a fourth World Cup title.

How to do that? When the tension from the case and the years of preceding negotiations and legal maneuvering has at times run quite high?

AP

In this May 12, 2019 photo, U.S. forward Carli Lloyd (10) scores a goal in the second half of an international friendly soccer match against South Africa in Santa Clara, Calif.

"It's kind of on the backburner right now," co-captain Carli Lloyd said. "We did what we needed to do and now need to just go focus on winning and take care of that later."

That seems to be the consensus among the team.

And head coach Jill Ellis says the case hasn't been an issue, and indeed never got to the level of being a point of contention between the players and the federation staffers they work with every day. "I'm really fortunate to have an incredibly professional group of women," said Ellis. "The players understand that we support them and have their backs on and off the field and that we have to be this way."

Yet Ellis sympathizes with the players' cause. "I understand," she said. "I'm a woman. I have a young daughter. I understand a lot of the bigger social issues out there. But I also understand right now the job is to get the team focused—and they are focused – only on one thing and that's this tournament."

But if the team has essentially paused its legal battle for the duration of the World Cup, it remains committed to the ideas behind the case—which they argue is as much about money as what that money represents. "It's about knowing your value and knowing your worth and what you deserve," said backup goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris. "And we deserve more and we will keep pushing and fighting for that and not stray away from what is at hand."

There's a practical piece to the equation as well. "The realization is I'm 33 years old and this is my last World Cup," Harris said. "I need to start figuring out what I'm gonna do next so I can pay my mortgage and my bills and all these different things. And my male counterpart would never have to have that worry. I've dedicated my entire life to my craft. I've given up everything. My family, my relationships have come second, and I have not been financially rewarded for what I've given and the success I've reached. So why do we speak up? Because I don't want the future [female players] to have to worry about what I have to worry about in a few years, and that's starting this life all over again at 35."

Midfielder Rose Lavelle, for her part, thinks the national team has a responsibility to the women's game in the United States as a whole. Because for non-national teamers in the National Women's Soccer League, a circuit bankrolled largely by the federation in order to provide consistent competition for its elite players, the salaries are barely livable.

"I think the next step is that we need sustainable income so that people can feel this is their full-time job," Lavelle said. "The reality right now of women's sport in general is that they can't devote their whole life to what they love. That should be the next step. We need to make everyone feel like they're a professional athlete."

Yet all of those concerns, all of those objectives and motivations, have been set aside for now. Because if the national team flames out in France, it will cloud its campaign for pay equality. The women would like to keep making their argument from a position of strength. "This team is about winning," said Harris. "Win, win, win, win, win. We win it all. And that's why we can sit here and have a platform and continue to push for equality, because we are winners."

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Calvo, Daphne Cruzat, Melanie Dasco, Maylah Duenas, Jorean Guardian, Vinalei Hapdei, Julia Malata, Kaye Anne Obando, and Ashani Peredo paddled for MHS, which topped the first two preliminary 500m races to get 18 points and then had a first and second place finishes in last Saturday's finale to gain 16 more markers and 34 total in the sprint. In the 1,000, the Lady Dolphins also dominated the prelims for a combined 15 points and received 12 for a runner-up finish in last weekend's race. Then in the long distance, MHS tallied 5 points for claiming first place to lead Kagman by 11 at the conclusion of the tournament.

The Lady Ayuyus, who had Ann Sulap, Joan Welta, Trinity Cruz, Davin Kim, Ursalyn Camacho, Wallis and Talina Bai, Alisa Gathamgeg, and Kina Pua as members, were awarded 3 points in the long distance course, 30 in the 500m, and 32 in the 1,000m.

Saipan Southern was the last finisher in all events, as it settled for 8 points each in the 1,000m, and 500m races and had a measly one marker in the long distance. event. The Manta Rays were represented in the competition by Mua Ngemaes, Dominique Deleon Guerrero, Jasmine Calvo, Kody Reyes, Cheyanne Manuel, Kiana Magofna, Megan Hemley, Jerilynn Haruo, and Britney Espinosa.

Meanwhile, in the boys division, Kagman simply stood out, as the Ayuyus garnered 81 points, nearly doubling the output of MHS (49).

Kagman only lost in the first preliminary race in the 1,000m event and dominated the rest to collect 36 points in that distance, 40 in the three 500m races, and 5 in the long distance. Iverson and Kenneth Kaipat, Christian Achas, Elbert Pinaulo, Jericho Jones, Noah Mesa, Jacoby Cabrea, Tyrese Cruz, Harry Moses, Peter Santos, Donovan Babauta, Jimmy Marquez, and Koen Gabriel paddled Kagman to the overall championship.

MHS was a distant second, as it only earned 26 points in the 1,000m, 20 in the 500m race, and 3 in the long distance course, while Southern had a total of 23 points (12 in the 500m, 10 in the 1,000m, and one in long distance).

Northern Marianas Paddle Sports Federation assisted PSS in holding the canoe competition, while NMPSF official Valerie Hofschneider served as race director.

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U.S. and Tiwith Dirolami of Belgium, 6-4, 6-4.

At the top half of the draw semis, it will be the unranked Russian duo of Veronika Pepelyaeva and Avelina Sayfetdinova versus No. 5 Alexandra Eala of the Philippines and Australia's Annerly Poulos. Eala and Poulos advanced following a 6-3, 6-4 upset against No. 4 Anastasia Berezov of Australia and Levlah Annie Fernandez of Canada in the quarterfinals. Pepelyaeva and Sayfetdinova, on the other hand, caught the biggest fish in the field in No. 1 seed Meil Gonzales of Ecuador and Antonia Samudio of Colombia, 6-3, 6-1.

Meanwhile, Lee also competed in the singles event, but lost to the Netherland's Melissa Boyden, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6.

The 55th Astrid Bowl Charleroi is the CNMI bet's first tournament in Belgium after playing in four events in Italy this month. The competition in Belgium is a Grade 1 event, which awards 280 ITF Juniors world ranking points to the singles champion and 210 to the doubles winners.

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stop the bleeding for the defending champions.

However, the damaged had been done, as the Little Legals faced a 4-13 deficit heading into the bottom of the fourth inning. It did not help that the Little Legals earlier at the top of the fourth got only one run and had two runners stranded after Santos, who relieved Joey Dela Cruz, made three straight strikeouts.

Santos then fanned the Little Legals leadoff batter and helped bring down the second off a 1-3 putout play, while Seman flied out to center field to wrap up the top of the fifth.

McDonald's eventually closed out the game one inning early when leadoff batter Casey Chambers scored off J.P. Isaac's single at the bottom of the fifth.

McDonald's returned to the field last Monday to face the streaking Comets and the latter ended up denying the former back-to-back wins.

Greg Tebit powered the Comets to the close win over McDonald's, as he blasted a three-run homer at the bottom of the fifth inning and also held his ground on the mound in the early innings to frustrate their foes.

Before Tebit's big hit, the Comets were clinging to a 3-2 advantage after four complete innings. Then at the top of the fifth, the Comets had runners on second and third with two outs when Tebit's roundtripper also brought home Javen Camacho and Jay Lizama. Jesus Tyquengco tried to add one more run when he headed to third base, but was tagged out, giving McDonald's a chance to stay in the game.

McDonald's did remain in contention when Ada and Santos reached off passed balls at the bottom of the fifth. However, the Comets hung on to the lead in the last inning after forcing McDonald's to a quick 1-2-3 at the bottom of the sixth. Tyquengco, who relieved Tebit midway at the bottom of the fifth, struck out leadoff batter Mesa, helped shortstop Sam Aldan tagged out Isaac, while McDonald's third batter went down on a 6-3 putout play.

Tyquengco allowed only one hit in 1.4 innings pitched and had three strikeouts, while Tebit fanned nine batters, was 2-for-2 at bat, and scored three runs.

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Batting (based on 20 times at bat or more and as of May 19, 2019)

Players	Teams	AB	HIT	AVE.
Jesus Tyquiengco	Comets	23	13	.562
Isidro Juan Lizama	Comets	24	13	.541
Joey Vincent Dela Cruz	McDonald's	26	14	.538
Jequinn Lizama	Comets	21	11	.523
Albert Adriano	Little Legals	21	11	.523
Pattylyn Mendiola	Comets	32	16	.500
Greg Tebit	Comets	25	12	.480
Achilles Evangelista	Falcons	26	12	.461
Damien Cruz	Falcons	27	12	.444
Noah Iguel	Falcons	26	11	.423
Justin Camacho	Comets	31	13	.419
Dylan Santos	McDonald's	30	12	.400
Sam Aldan Jr.	Comets	28	11	.392
Ezra Ada	McDonald's	23	9	.391
Isaiah Mesa	McDonald's	26	10	.384

Runs: (17) Joey Dela Cruz; (16) Dylan Joaquin D. Santos; (16) Ezra P. Ada
Doubles: (11) Joey Dela Cruz; (8) Dylan Joaquin D. Santos
Triples: (3) Pattylyn Mae Mendiola; (1) Isidro Lizama; (1) Jequinn Lizama
RBI: (10) Pattylyn Mae Mendiola; (9) Joey Dela Cruz; (9) Isidro Juan C. Lizama
Homers: (1)Albert Adriano, Dylan Santos, Casey Chambers, and Isaiah Mesa

Pitching (Based on 12 innings or more)

Players	Teams	Inn	ER	ERA
Albert Adriano	Little Legals	25.1	4	0.30
Francisco Delos Santos	Little Legals	14	3	0.42
Joey Dela Cruz	McDonald's	14	3	0.42
Justin Camacho	Comets	13	3	0.46
Dylan Santos	McDonald's	20	5	0.50

Strikeouts: (38) Albert Dls. Adriano; (35) Joey Dela Cruz; (31) Dylan Santos

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Carol gets semis seat in Belgium

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Carol Lee, seen here getting ready to serve during the 2018 Northern Marianas Junior Championships at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan hard courts, is in Belgium and made it to the semifinals of the doubles event of a Grade 1 tournament.

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CNMI junior player Carol Lee made it to the Final Four of the doubles event of the 55th Astrid Bowl Charleroi/Belgian International Junior Championships in Belgium.

Lee partnered with Skyler Marie Grace Grishuk of the U.S. and they swept the Russian pair of Daria Krasnova and Ekaterina Vinnik yesterday, 6-4, 6-2, at the Royal Astrid Tennis Club in Charleroi-Marcinelle to move into the semifinal round.

The match against the Russian duo was Lee and Grishuk's first, as they earlier had a free win in the quarterfinals against Germany's Mara Guth and Angelina Wirges (walkover). Krasnova and Vinnik were also given an outright quarterfinals ticket after a no show from their opponents, No. 2 seed Zhuoxuan Bai and Jiaqi Wang of China.

After moving past the Russians, Lee and Grishuk will face No. 3 seed and the American pair of Hurricane Tyra Black and Gabriella Price for the finals berth at the lower half of the draw. Price and Black also needed only two sets to make it to the semifinals after they outclassed Isabella Barrera Aguirre of the

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MHS, Kagman triumph

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Marianas High School and Kagman High School ruled the Public School System Interscholastic Outrigger Canoe Competition last Saturday at Kilili Beach.

The Lady Dolphins were the overall winners in the girls division after collecting 76 points from the 500m, 1,000m, and long distance races. They defeated the Lady Ayuyus, who tallied 65 points, and were way ahead of Saipan Southern High School (17).

Tiana Aldan, Dominique

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Marianas High School and Kagman High School students pose for a photo after ruling the Public School System Interscholastic Outrigger Canoe Competition last Saturday at Kilili Beach.

McDonald's splits games

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McDonald's went 1-for-2 in the Majors division games in the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

McDonald's first defeated defending champions Kagman Little Legals last Saturday, 14-4, before bowing to the Comets last Monday, 4-6.

Versus the Little Legals, McDonald's had an eight-run bottom of the fourth inning to clinch the victory after only five innings. McDonald's was just ahead by 2 after three complete innings, 5-3, when Isaiah Mesa anchored the team's breakaway in the pivotal fourth after hitting a two-run single. Seven of McDonald's top of the order reached in that frame and three batted twice with Ezra Ada scoring two times. Dylan Santos attempted to match Ada's feat when he ran home, but was tagged out by Little Legals catcher Santiago Seman to

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
McDonald's Dylan Santos throws from the mound during their first round game against the Kagman Little Legals in the Majors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.